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General Meetings - second Wednesday of the month, February to December, 12:15pm to 2:30pm, at Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland. An entry fee of \$2 applies at each meeting to cover the room booking (and a lucky door prize ticket). Free parking is available at the Centre. Meals can be purchased from the Centre's café by those wishing to have an early lunch prior to the meeting.

Annual General Meetings - second Wednesday of July at 12:15pm, followed by a General Meeting.**No meetings are held during January.**

The Society's Collections (on-line data bases, books, microfiche, CD-ROMs, etc) **contain resources for world-wide research.** These are held in our **Genealogy Room in Cleveland Library**, cnr Middle & Bloomfield Streets, Cleveland.

Financial Members can access this room for research any time the Cleveland Library is open to use the Society's collections, and to freely access the Research Websites to which the Society subscribes. **To obtain the key**, members must present their "**RGS**" Redland City Library Service card to Cleveland Library Reception staff. **It is not the same card you privately obtain for borrowing from the Council Libraries.** It is the card given to all joining members.

You must activate this card at Cleveland Library each year by presenting it with your latest RGS Membership Card.

Genealogical Research Assistants (GRAs) are in the room to assist RGS Members and the General Public on

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am to 12.30pm and Saturdays 12:30pm to 3:30pm

Volunteer GRAs: Jeanne Dixon (Librarian), Thel Brooks, Greta Brown, Val Burt, Margaret Clark, Russell Clarke, Annette Hall, Karen Hawkes, Margaret Johnson, Pat Maclean, Bev McFadyen, Eddy Richards, Irene Salvatierra, Penny Stewart, Helen Veivers, Robyn Waters, Charlotte Wruck.

Local History Collection: The Redland City Council's Local History Collection is housed in the Cleveland Library with much of it available on line at https://redl.sdp.sirsiidynix.net.au/client/en_AU/search/asset/1007593/0. Angela Puata is Redland City Council's Local History Librarian, and Gillian McNeill her assistant.

A Note from the Editor

Details of arrangements made with a number of family history organisations for our members to visit are with our website co-ordinator, in the process of being uploaded to the Member's Section. Hyperlinks are included with the names of the relevant organisations. By accessing these, members will be able to ascertain their library opening times and addresses.

A big welcome and thank-you is extended to Jeanne Dixon who has temporarily taken on the role of Librarian, following Pat Maclean's having to resign due to ill health. It is good to see that Pat now has returned to the Library as a GRA.

Our Displays Co-ordinator, Elaine Speck, was able to get us a place at the Redland Museum's Heritage and Harmony Fiesta in March. She now has organised for us to participate in the "Annual Celebration of Volunteers Expo" being held 14 May at the Raby Bay Harbour Park. Like all volunteer organisations, members are our lifeblood; making our Society known to the local community is an important activity in encouraging new membership.

Perhaps you might know someone who is interested in DNA research, writing their family history, or participating in one of our Zoom meetings. The Management Committee recently decided that non-members may attend a maximum of two Interest Group Meetings without the requirement of being a member. After that time they will need to become a member of our Society if they wish to continue.

Greg Glidden

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

Payment by New Members and Renewing Members can be made to -

The Membership Officer at General Meetings - a GRA on duty in the Genealogy Room

or by **Electronic Funds Transfer**.

When paying by EFT, please ensure that the following details are inserted in Payment Reference -

NEW MEMBERS: The word **New** + **Surname** – **RENEWING MEMBERS:** **Membership No.** + **Surname**

Members renewing by EFT need to complete a Renewal Form, scan it, and email it to the Membership Officer.

Banking details for EFT are provided on the Forms.

Redland Researcher is free to Members. It is emailed unless otherwise arranged.

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Notes from the Library

Pat Maclean unfortunately had to retire from her position as Librarian in February due to ill-health. We wish her a speedy recovery. Pat did a wonderful job, under difficult circumstances, as Covid-19 was still complicating matters at the time.

I have taken over the position of Librarian in the interim until such time as we can appoint a new Librarian at the end of May at the Library Meeting who will then take up the position following our AGM.

The Cleveland Library has requested that if any RGS members are working in the Genealogy Room out of our normal hours, would you please leave the door open or at least ajar. This is for safety reasons, should there be an emergency and evacuation was required. They are worried that with the door closed they could miss someone.

RootsIreland has been renewed and is up and running, so make the most of this research if you have Irish ancestors.

The Genealogist have added a new feature to their program, it is now linked to Map Explorer so that you can search for the house where you or your ancestors lived.

As some of you may have noticed the Redlands Library is updating its entire catalogue, and as with anything new have encountered a few problems. We have a quite a few new books still waiting to finish cataloguing. Among them are some books that Ray Misson has kindly donated to our Library. I think Pat would be pleased to see her books on our shelves. I will be listing all the new books as soon as they are returned to us.

When borrowing a book from our RGS library, firstly always write it in the borrowing book (on top of the small cabinet to the right as you go in the Genealogy Room door).

To check it out, please go to the Desk where you pick up the keys for the Genealogy Room, or to the desk to the left as you come into the Cleveland Library, and use your RGS Library Card. Do not try to use the self-service stands, they won't work!

To return books take them straight to our Genealogy Room and leave them in the Returns Box just inside the door. Our GRAs will return and shelve them. This is so that our books don't get mixed up with the Redland City Council's Library books.

Jeanne Dixon

Trove brings a Wedding to Life

by Penny Stewart

Weddings bring together so much emotion. Laughter, joy, happiness, fear, anticipation and more. The setting is crucial. It becomes that lifetime memory that usually endures time to be handed down from generation to generation, sometimes gaining colour sometimes not. It is that pivotal point of change in one's history.

It started with an email with an attachment from a British newspaper. Just a picture with nothing more than the words *"The Pickwickian coach and bridal party at the Tremenheere-Smith wedding"*. A bit faded and blurred, the horse and carriage depicted still managed to capture the excitement of the day. Sent by the daughter of the couple many, many years later to the niece of the groom. She was trying to piece together the background of the family. The picture was to be the start of the journey into their shared past.

Searching through Trove, she put "Tremenheere" in the search field. Suddenly, located under the heading, *"FROM HOME – How the World Wags in London"*, there was a description of this Dickens wedding from "The Queenslander" in Brisbane. It talked of the blue and white coach making its way through Piccadilly traffic on its way to St Anne's Church, Soho. The coach with *"scarlet-clad coachman and a beaver-hatted guard"* and the bride in *"white satin and orange blossoms"* with bridesmaids *"in crinolined and frilled Victorian dresses and large pink hats"*.

Suddenly the wedding had a life, and the fun and excitement of that day could now be shared in the present. The joys of Trove.

Lance Corporal Charles Henry FREEMAN

by Russell Clarke



In early 2001 my wife and I did a seven-day road tour of southeast Queensland to show the daughter of an English friend some of the sights. Our trip took us to Bundaberg for an overnight stop so we could take a daytrip to Lady Elliot Island to see some coral reefs. Back on land we visited the Rum Distillery and then, by chance, a nearby Antique shop. There we found a fully framed certificate entitled "Honour the Brave" issued by the Shire of Longreach to Lance Corporal Charles Henry FREEMAN, dated 25th April 1919.

My wife had done all the hard work (pre internet days) researching my maternal family. We knew a Freeman relative had moved to the Longreach area but did not have any details with us to confirm how the recipient of this certificate might be related. We put a deposit on the item and soon after returning home were able to confirm he was indeed a relative and requested the certificate be sent to our Brisbane home.

Lance Corporal Charles Henry FREEMAN, 3300, is my first cousin 2x removed. He died in hospital in Rouen, France on 23 October 1918 just under three weeks before the end of the war. Little is known of his life other than what is revealed in his military record which indicates he died of bronchial pneumonia after a short illness.

He was born in Longreach on 4 November 1895 (See Note 1), the eldest son of Charles Henry FREEMAN and Winifred Maud FENLON. Charles Henry FREEMAN (Snr) was a younger brother, in a large family, of my great grandfather Henry Isaac FREEMAN. The FREEMAN family were well known in agriculture in South Australia with other members venturing into areas such as the early days of motoring, establishing a large retail motor vehicle business.

Charles Henry (Snr) was born in Nairne, South Australia on 26 June 1863 and at some (unknown) time in his life moved to Queensland. On 5 December 1893 he married Winifred Maud FENLON in Barcaldine and subsequently reared four children – two girls and two boys. Charles Henry (Snr) became a well-known shearer and union man (AWU) in the Longreach area being frequently mentioned in newspaper reports of the times. He died on 18 August 1925, aged 62, and is buried in the Longreach Cemetery. His wife, Winifred Maud had been born in Ireland on 15 February 1874 and is also mentioned in newspaper reports of the Licensing Court when she became the licensee of the Royal Mail Hotel at West Longreach (Dinoowah?) from 1911 -1919. She moved from Longreach after the death of her husband, remarried the following year in Brisbane and passed away in Paddington, New South Wales on 13 November 1953. She is buried in the Rookwood Catholic Cemetery in New South Wales.

It is not known when Charles Henry FREEMAN (Jr) moved from Longreach to Brisbane. We know he married Muriel Lydia DOOLAN in Brisbane on 15 September 1915. His military record shows he joined on 1 September 1915 only two weeks before his wedding. His Attestation and Oath are dated 15 October 1915 at Fraser Hill which is understood to be associated with the Enoggera area. His military records have his age as 21years, 3 or 4months (depending on where you look on the forms) (See Note 2). Other details show his trade or calling was Telephone Mechanic and that he had spent five years in the Citizen Forces prior to enlistment. His next of kin and address at the time is given as his wife living at Kent Street, Teneriffe where she was still living at the time of his death.

Key Dates from Service Records

01-09-1915 Joining Date	02-06-1916 Embarked Alexandria (Egypt)
15-10-1915 Attestation and Oath signed	08-06-1916 Disembarked Marseille (France)
21-10-1915 Embarked Brisbane HMAT A48 Seang Bee	11-03-1918 Appointed Lance Corporal
06-03-1916 Joined 15 th Battalion at Tel-al-Kebir (Egypt)	07-10-1918 Admitted to Hospital in Rouen (France)
18-03-1916 Transferred to 4 th Division Signal Coy	23-10-1918 Died in Hospital in Rouen (France)

The 15th Battalion AIF was formed in Queensland in late September 1914 comprising about three quarters Queenslanders and one quarter Tasmanians. The 15th Battalion was joined with the 13th, 14th and 16th Battalions to form the 4th Brigade under Colonel John Monash and after initial training in Australia and then later in Egypt fought at Gallipoli. After evacuation from Gallipoli the Battalion returned to Egypt.

The AIF was expanded and reorganized in Egypt with the 4th Brigade becoming part of the Australian 4th Division. Then Sapper Charles Henry FREEMAN was part of the 15th Battalion reinforcements but only 12 days after arriving in Egypt he was transferred to the 4th Division Signal Company obviously to make use of his pre-war experience in the communications industry. The 15th Battalion went on to fight in many prominent battles including Poziers, Bullecourt, and later at Hamel and the defence of Amiens.

Lance Corporal Charles Henry FREEMAN is buried in the St Sever Cemetery Extension in Rouen, France. This part of the Cemetery is now under the control of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. In September 2002 my wife and I did a self-driving tour of the Western Front battlefield sites and cemeteries. Included in our trip was a two night stay at Ypres in Belgium where we twice attended the Last Post Ceremony held at the Menin Gate every evening of the year. Another relative, my Granduncle, Private Clarence FREEMAN, 6998, of the 10th Battalion was killed in action on 2nd October 1917 during the extended battle known as Third Passchendaele. His body was never recovered so his name is listed on the Menin Gate. From Ypres we went to Rouen where we visited the grave of Lance Corporal Charles Henry FREEMAN. Whilst tinged with sadness it was an honour to visit these sites.

We can only assume the certificate, issued by Longreach Shire Council, was given to his parents in Longreach. It seems to have made its way to the Rockhampton area (again presumably) with relatives of the family. We were told by the antique dealer he had acquired it when cleaning out a house in the Rockhampton area and been so impressed he had it framed. The certificate incorrectly names his service as being with the 4th Machine Gun Company. It is not known if this mistake was ever corrected but it has no impact on our feelings for the braveness and sense of duty provided by Lance Corporal Charles Henry FREEMAN and all those who served in those unimaginable times.

After much consideration and because there are no direct line relatives, we have decided to gift the certificate to the RSL in Longreach. It will be handed to them on Anzac Day 2022 thus bringing the certificate full circle.

Notes:

1. This date is derived from an Ancestry.com data base entitled Australia, Birth Index 1788 – 1922. The birth was registered in 1895 as No 000159. This data base only shows a transcription not the original document.
2. Based on his birth date (see Note 1) he had not reached his 21st birthday at the time of signing up. This needs further investigation as there is no obvious reason he would lie about his age unless it is associated with his previous service in the Citizen Forces. It is interesting to note his elder sister, Winifred Maud FREEMAN, was born on 31 July 1894 (again based on the Ancestry data base) which would align closely with the age quoted in his military records.

Businesses may Advertise in *Redland Researcher*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Greg Glidden Editor

The Old Days

by Les McFadzen



Dad, Mum, Gordon, and Ian on the front steps

Our farm was 1128 acres (456.5 hectares) with tropical rainforest on the hills, some open lightly-treed creek flats, with the remainder being open eucalyptus forest that was lightly grassed with coarse native grasses. It was located south west of Sarina in Central Queensland, 21 miles by road, and approximately 15 miles from the coast as the crow flies.

The farmhouse was situated on a ridge about 500 metres from the farm gate although obscured from the gate by a wooded hill. The house was a highset two-bedroom structure that was timber frame, weather board clad and unlined inside. There were wide verandas on two sides with one end of one veranda partly enclosed to make a third bedroom, while a fourth sleeping area was on the other open veranda. The side of the house that faced south was one large room comprising kitchen, dining, and lounge room. Off to the side of this room was a small landing and the front steps.

There was full head room under the house that doubled as a wet weather area, storage area and under cover parking for two vehicles. Cooking was carried out on a wood burning stove and it was the job of the younger children to keep the wood box full. Bread and meat could be delivered

by the mail service contractor, but bull calves provided the main supply of meat which was supplemented by the odd cow or chicken or scrub turkey. Excess meat was salted and kept in a brine tank under the house. The chicken coop was located at the back of the shed and the chooks provided a constant supply of eggs. Chooks were rarely eaten, unless they had stopped laying eggs, and then it would usually only be at Easter. At various times goats were kept, providing a source of meat.

Our meat was kept in a meat safe hanging under the water tank stand at the foot of the steps leading down from the kitchen, until we got our first domestic kerosene operated refrigerator which was remarkably efficient. There was no reticulated electricity or telephone. The nearest phone was located at an Uncle's house two kilometres away and was the last on a party line from the exchange at Turnorville.

Our radio received only the ABC during the day and was powered by a lead acid battery. At night, the radio could pick up 4MK Mackay, the local station, and other country stations from as far away as the country music station at Tamworth in NSW. The radio battery would be swapped with the one on the tractor to allow it to be recharged every few weeks.

At the back of the house there was a shed comprising laundry, bathroom and workshop and storage area and, set back behind the shed and a little further from the house, was the pan toilet. Beside the laundry was the clothesline that consisted of two posts, each with a pivoting cross arm that had two fencing wire lines between them for the washing. The lines were then propped up when the wet clothes were hung out.

The dairy was 200 metres further along the ridge from the house. The paddocks were neatly fenced with plain and barbed wire and the yards around the dairy were a mixture of split log rails and wire fences. At the back of the dairy, a molasses storage tank was set into the ground in 1948. The hole was dug by hand and a water tank was placed in it then cemented and finally an 'A' frame roof was built over the top of it to stop the rainwater diluting the molasses. All the paddocks straddled creeks or gullies and except for the Scrub paddock, had ample water all year long. There were three water tanks, a rain water tank at both the house and the dairy, and the third was a large overhead tank near the dairy that was filled from the well by a pump powered by a single cylinder Southern Cross diesel engine.

The position for the well was divined by my grandfather Pop Jordan and was then dug by hand with the help of Tommy Weekes and Uncle Slip. The hole was lined with boards down to a point just above the spring inlet to prevent the sides collapsing. Unfortunately, in digging the well they struck a copper ore seam. The water from the well had the foulest taste and the smell was disgusting although the smell dissipated after it was pumped to the overhead tank at the dairy. The water was used for washing in the dairy and also in the water trough for the calves to drink and it was piped to the laundry and shower. Sometimes we would smell worse after a shower than before.

There were magnificent views from the house, from the south east to the north and around to the south west with the remaining arc obscured by the timbered knoll between the house and main gate. The view ranged from open grassed paddocks to heavily timbered mountain side. To the east, tropical rain forest came right to the fence line while palm trees, she-oak and some eucalypts lined the creek banks.

The paddocks were cleared, with regrowth grubbed out as it appeared, and lantana and boxthorn were also kept to a minimum. After several years of cane cutting during the crushing season interspersed with scrub felling on the farm, Dad converted the dense rain forest to grassed paddocks and established a successful dairy farm. The scrub felling continued systematically for many years.

Our farm was the last on the road, or first depending on your point of view. The next farm was a kilometre away.

In 1940 Uncle Ferg (FW McFadzen) donated land to the Education Department, and the local farmers built a school. The East Funnel Creek Provisional School was soon in operation and began enrolling students in June 1941. The first teacher boarded with Jack Thorne, a local farmer. The first children enrolled were: Ronald Weeks, Dulcie Merlene Weeks, Albert John Weeks, Colin Francis Matton, Robert Leslie Matton, Stanley Herbert Matton, Beatrice Valma Matton, Heather Dick, William Robert Dick, Terrence McMahon, Glenda Clare McMahon, Patricia June McMahon, Barbara Milne, Peter Frederick Milne, Mavis Annie Bundesen and Keith John Bundesen.

My sister Greta and brother Gordon did not start at the school until February 1944. I was only 4 ½ and the youngest in the class when I started school in 1949. The others in grade one were Ian and Virginia Rowles, Myra McFadzen, Paul McFadzen, Barry Matton, Ian Perry, Barbara & Delma Martin (twins), Marie Heron and David Biltoft.

As our farm was the last on the East Funnel Creek road, on the way to school I would first meet Virginia and Ian Rowles, our neighbours, then Myra McFadzen and her brothers John and Roddy who were in higher grades and finally Paul McFadzen and Barry Matton, before getting to school. Paul and Barry normally walked but the rest of us rode our horses.



Ready for school on Jenny 1950

We rode horses the three miles (4.83km) to and from school along a dirt road and I think that was the most enjoyable part of my schooling. For my first two years I went pillion with Gordon on his horse until he left at the end of 1951, and then on Jenny by myself in 1952 until my younger brother Ian started in 1953. The horses didn't enjoy the trip as much as I did. They were hard to catch in the morning, harder to saddle and had to be hit with a stick on the rump to get them moving. By the time we got to the next farm they would be resigned to their fate and plod along for the remainder of the trip without too much urging. The horses would be held in a paddock adjoining the school yard during the day and would then be saddled for the trip home.

The horse paddock had plenty of shade, but poor-quality grass and it did not have any water. The first stop on the way home was to get a drink in the creek at a point just before the cutting. After their drink, the horses could not get home fast enough so it was just a case of hold on and let them go. They would take it easy initially and then break into a gallop at the foot of dip hill and the main worry for the kids was that they would not stop at the cattle grid near Bob Read's dip where we had to leave the road and open a gate.

Occasionally, on the way home of an afternoon after watering the horses, we would ride directly from Uncle Slip's ford across Burr Flat (Noogoora burr *Xanthium occidentale*, syn. *X. pungens*, *X. strumarium*) and re-join the road at the foot of Dip Hill. The horses never used that path in the mornings. The usual practice was to canter down the hill and then resume walking before we reached Uncle Slip's turn off.

We had the occasional accident without doing any serious damage, although Clyde and Harell Rowles who were riding double broke an arm each when their horse shied after being spooked by a pheasant. It must have jumped sideways as they came off and both broke their left arms. We were not riding with them on this occasion and only got to hear about it after Ian and Virginia got to school late. On another occasion Uncle Slip had erected a new fence along the side of the road between Mr Read's boundary at the bottom of Dip Hill and the entrance to his farm. The Monday morning after the fence was built our horses cantered down the hill as they usually did and then, without warning, turned off onto the afternoon track. I was on the back of Jenny with Gordon when the horse saw the fence at the last second and in attempting to turn at speed lost her footing and skidded sideways on her haunches into the fence. Gordon, still holding on to the reins went over the fence and I went down between the fence and the horse. My shirt tore on the bottom strand of barbed wire, but I did not get scratched or trampled by the horse's hooves. The other kids just managed to pull up their horses in time and stopped behind us.

We were just untangling the horses when the teacher, Martin Dalton, stopped his car on the edge of the road, and without asking what had happened or whether anyone had been hurt, he abused us for wasting time and told us we would be in trouble if we were late for school. I think we eventually made it with a few minutes to spare. I never did like him. On an earlier occasion we had a problem with him over the Melbourne Cup which was run at 3pm each year. It was a tradition that the students would be released no later than 2.30pm so they could get home to listen to the race on the radio with their parents along with every other family in Australia. In 1950, the teacher decided to keep us in until 15 minutes before the race was due to start. Greta and Gordon then had to catch and saddle our horses and, with me being doubled by Gordon, we set off for home.

The horses must have sensed the urgency as they began to canter almost immediately. They bypassed their usual trip to the creek for a drink and by the time we reached the cutting, they had bolted. It was just a case of hold on until we got to the grid at the top of dip hill, then we had to go through the gate in the fence at the side of the road. Greta managed to stop Tilly, and she had opened the gate and left the scene by the time we got there. Gordon got Jenny under control and stopped at the gate which we then had to shut. Usually he could lean over and shut the gate from horseback, but it was all he could do to hold Jenny. I had to get off and shut the gate, then climb onto a log to get back on as Gordon pulled the horse around. Normally Jenny would stand patiently but she was agitated as Tilly was getting further up the road. Eventually he got me on again and we took off after Greta. Jenny pinned her ears back and really took off, but she was blowing something awful by the time we got to the grid on our boundary and stopped for the gate. She was sweating so fiercely it had foamed and was blowing back over my legs. Once through the gate she broke into a reasonable canter up the hill to the house and when we arrived, we were in time to hear the race finish with Comic Court the winner. Our horses did not appear any the worse for their race considering we covered the three-mile trip home from school in seven minutes. That was the same distance that was run in the Melbourne Cup, but in Melbourne they did not have to stop for



Greta, Lester and Ian with Maxie & Jenny

two gates. I have never taken an interest in horses or horse racing, but I have never forgotten Comic Court and the 1950 Melbourne Cup.

We only had the two horses, Jenny, and Tilly, until a stallion from Frank Hoey's farm next to the school got into the school horse yard with the mares. I think it came as a surprise to everyone when Jenny had the foal. He was a red and white skewbald we named Maxie who soon became a spoiled pet.

The school was a one teacher school with all the classes in one room measuring 20ft x 14ft [6m x 4.2m]. It was a highset building with a veranda on two sides and partly enclosed underneath to provide a storeroom with the remainder a shaded area with seating to have lunch.

It was set back about 50 metres from the road on the side of a gently sloping hill and the girls' and boys' toilets were a further 50 metres up the hill and about 30 metres apart.

On our way home from school we would pick up the mail that had been placed in the box at the farm gate and once a week the meat and bread that had been delivered. When we got home, we would be allowed a sandwich, usually vegemite or peanut paste on fresh bread, or my favourite, which was dripping.



We were expected to do our homework then before it got dark, as once it was dark, lighting became a problem. Our homework was done under Mum's strict supervision which usually meant a wack with a fly swat or a wooden spoon if it was not done to her satisfaction. Lighting in winter or in the evenings was by way of kerosene wick lamps, and you needed a torch to see if they were alight, or hurricane lamps or a Tilley pressure lamp which gave a much better light but needed to be constantly pumped to maintain the pressure.



Kerosene Wick Lamp

At the end of grade eight some of the kids at the East Funnel Creek State School from my class left school to work, except Ian and Virginia Rowles and Myra McFadzen who went away to boarding schools. Because I was considered too young for high school I was sent in to board with my grandmother at Sophia Street in Mackay to repeat grade eight at the Mackay Intermediate School. This school only catered for years seven and eight.

Tilley Pressure Lamp

High School is another story!

[Endnotes referencing the author's source of East Funnel Creek School information have been omitted - Ed. RR]

Newspaper Article 1858

a) Brisbane Makes Immigrants Welcome

Below are two (2) extracts from an article in "The Darling Downs Gazette and General Advertiser". Member, Greta Brown, came across the article when researching her family, and thought them worth sharing.

The first extract shines some light on what our ancestors may have experienced when arriving as immigrants in Brisbane. The second refers to land sales and expectations for our local area, Cleveland.

Greta comments –

"My ancestors, Thomas Boniface and his wife, Sarah (née Birch) arrived in Brisbane 24 June 1858. They had travelled from England on the "Ascendant" with their two children. After traveling for months in the ship with about four hundred other immigrants, what a relief from finally arriving and being made to feel so welcome. It is also testament to the good work done by the women of Brisbane. My family came to Brisbane the following year and it certainly gives the impression that they had a warm welcome when they arrived on the "Indus" in 1859 at the dawning of Queensland's history as a separate colony."

BRISBANE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Brisbane Windmill, 24th July 1858

In my last week's budget of Brisbane gossip, I furnished your readers with some particulars of the Ladies Bazaar held in the Immigration Depot at this place, and that the affair wound up with a Ball. Let me therefore endeavour, in my present communication, to speak of this finishing stroke, so happily and so successfully carried through by those to whom we owe everyone thing that makes this life desirable. We have read, with glowing hearts, of the noble deeds of self-devotion, performed by Florence Nightingale and her fellow sisters of Charity, during the horrors of the late Russian war.

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We have read with thrilling interest the scenes passed through by many of our countrywomen during those times of peril and suffering in Hindustan :and, in dwelling over these incidents, one cannot but come to the conclusion that woman's mission is ever bright and beautifully set forth when an object of charity is brought under her observation; and her ready wit to adapt herself to circumstances enables her to carry through successfully the mission she sets out to execute - so it has been in the case before us. A charitable institution needed public aid; the sufferings of poor frail humanity cried appealingly to our sympathies, and it became a serious question how that aid was to be afforded in a very sufficiently ample to meet the demand; here woman was called in, and nobly and well, I and many others are proud to say, have they performed their part of the great work set before them ; their nimble fingers and their pleasing solicitations furnished the Bazaar stalls with those ample stores of the elegant and useful; these profitably disposed of, it became imperative on the lords of the creation to honour them as they deserved at the termination of their labours of love.

Tuesday evening last will be, I doubt not, marked in one calendar as one for future cheerful reflection and example. Upwards of two hundred people of both sexes, on that evening met together, comprising almost all ranks and conditions of our wide-spread community, to share for the nonce the pleasures of the evening and each other's society. Supercilious airs, with the vinegar-visage accompaniments, or anything approaching wet blanket observations, were unanimously voted out of place. The old and the young -- the grave and the gay -- came evidently determined to carry out those social courtesies of life, in a way and manner to make all things comfortable. The German Band, with a gentleman presiding at the piano, kept up those enlivening strains, so provocative of the desire to glide through the mazy figures of the gleesome dance; merrily and joyously did the muslin angels swim, with their happy partners of the evening, through the stately quadrilles; the sprightly schottische, and the bewitching polka - resting only during a small portion of the night to partake of those substantial refreshments, that even creatures of angelic form find needful, and which were abundantly furnished by the liberality of certain parties, without entailing expense or diminishing the funds accruing from the evening's festivities.

The friends from the neighbouring town of Ipswich mustered in goodly numbers - induced by the unexclusiveness of the affair - to dance a measure with the merry dames of Brisbane. The father of Ipswich was recognised during the evening taking a quiet peep at the happy party, evidently gladly giving his pound to enjoy a look at the cheerful scene. In fact, your correspondent cannot better conclude his observations, than by reiterating the remark made to him by a frolicsome little witch, in answer to a question "how she enjoyed the evening" - "It was such fun!"

b) Developments in Cleveland

This extract is from the same article -

Old Windmill, 31st July 1858

There is to be a Government Land Sale on Monday, the 2nd of August, at the Police-office, Brisbane. The lots to be submitted to public competition on that day are situated in the vicinity of Cleveland Point and consists of small farms from five to fifty acres each.

The hitherto deserted village of Cleveland, I understand, will very shortly be again occupied by the industrious white man (*sic*), an enterprising grazier, the Hon. Mr Hope, having entered into extensive arrangements to carry on a salt manufactory in that neighbourhood. One cannot but feel regret for the waste of capital that has taken place at Cleveland in the erection of commodious stores and houses, which have not yet been occupied, and we hope that the proprietors of them will at length reap some advantage from their spirited outlay.

It is an undisputed fact that Moreton Bay, although occupied as a free warehousing port, some twelve or fourteen years, cannot boast yet of possessing a shipping port - I mean a place where vessels of from 500 to 600 tons can lay alongside the Quay and discharge or receive cargo. This want of maritime accommodation must and will be speedily remedied when our mercantile position becomes improved by new blood being infused in one's commercial transactions.

A very few months longer and we shall find our French neighbours at Port du Prince and New Caledonia purchasers of every description of stock, building materials, goods and a company having lately arranged with the French Emperor to occupy a portion of the Island, and people it with immigrants under certain conditions, for the purpose of manufacturing sugar and other tropical productions, so that when we do really possess some enterprising merchants in this community, they will find some excellent openings for profitable enterprise to this and other matters.

BRISBANE. (1858, August 5). The Darling Downs Gazette and General Advertiser (Toowoomba, Qld. : 1858 - 1880), p. 4. Retrieved April 26, 2022, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article75525784>

Guest Speakers

February

Dr Karen Thurecht PhD, lives on North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah). She thoroughly researched the history of the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum, located on the island, for her novel "Murder at the Dunwich Asylum". The asylum was established in 1865 when inmates were first transferred to the Dunwich Quarantine Station from the Benevolent Ward, Brisbane Hospital, providing for poor people who because of age, accident, infirmity or otherwise were unable to care for themselves. Many were re-admitted after being discharged.

Staff were untrained, there was no medical officer, the Superintendent had only administrative experience and usually his wife was the matron. It was understaffed and underfunded. Isolation, with little government oversight, meant that the superintendent was a law unto himself.



(Behind the COVID-19 masks) President thanking Karen (right)

In 1885 a Member of Parliament advised the House that it would not be a matter of surprise that grave and serious abuses had crept into its administration that required the immediate attention of the government. In 1886 a newspaper, speaking of "a nicely laid out cemetery overlooking the sea", reported that sometimes the cook, sometimes the man from the office, officiated at burials of the deceased. None of the old residents remembered seeing a minister of any denomination officiating at the burial of inmates.



Treasurer thanking Judy (left)

March

This month's Guest Speaker was Judy Lofthouse from Genealogical Society Queensland

Many genealogists around the world have been awaiting the release of the England and Wales 1921 census. In Australia it needs to be accessed through FindMyPast.

Judy's presentation was on this subscription website with a focus on the 1921 census. She provided us with information on how to do an in-depth search on *Find My Past* as there are many databases for many countries available.

April

Col Sutcliffe's presentation was titled "The Bollon Diaries". He was a teacher and Principal of several State Primary and Secondary schools, Foundation Principal of the Charters Towers School of Distance Education and was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2019 for Services to the community and education.

We were treated to an informative and entertaining talk about education in the late 1800s in outback Queensland, the lives of "itinerant" teachers, and school playground games which brought back memories from our own days at school – chants of the girls "skipping", boys playing marbles, red-rover and bedlam, and the propensity for nick-names – all redheads were "bluey".

Bollon is 600km from Brisbane, between St George and Cunnamulla, a trip of 7 hours by car. These diaries record the trials and tribulations of the journey of its first teacher, a young lad just out of Grammar School, to take up duty in 1885; a journey that took him 2 months by train, horse-drawn coaches becoming bogged in the mud, delays from flooded rivers, and camping with the constant discomfort of sandfly bites.



Vice President thanking Col (left)

Member's Request for Assistance



One of our members is researching family with German and Ukrainian connections.

Can anyone advise her as to whom she could contact for assistance with translating German and Ukrainian?

If you can assist, it will be appreciated if you raise the matter at the next General Meeting or email information to RGS email address redlandgs@gmail.com.

As Spoken by an Ancestor

Short Stories in 5 minutes from the Society's Writing Interest Group

My name is Amy. I was born in London on 27 November 1881. When I was two years old my parents decided to immigrate to Australia. We sailed on the "Port Phillip", arriving in Melbourne in February 1884, and stayed on board until we reached Sydney. My parents and baby sister, Florence May, then sailed on a coastal steamer, "Alexandra", from Sydney to Brisbane. We found lodgings at Spring Hill. Florence May became ill and died soon after we moved in. My father began working in Ipswich where he was employed as an Engine Driver. Eventually, my parents moved to North Queensland. Many of my nine brothers and sisters were born in the Cairns area. Eventually, we settled in the area to the west of Cairns. My father drove the first steam engine across the Stoney Creek Bridge on the Cairns Kuranda railway line

by Helen Veivers

"What games did you play with Uncle Eric?" I asked Mum one day. The reply was not at all what I expected!

"We liked to play *Touch Me*," Mum said, "when Mum and Dad had to go to town to do some important business and we had to stay home."

We would draw a circle on the floorboards. The game was simple one person on the outside of the circle had to touch the skin of the person on the inside, without falling over. The feet must always be on the outside.

To avoid being touched I could lean my whole body back and out of range. Eric would try to lean into the circle as close to me as he possibly could while keeping his feet outside the circle; touching clothing was not counted. It had to be felt by the other, so it had to be on the skin. If Eric overstretched and lost his balance before he managed to touch me, his turn was over, and we would change places. Likewise, I could bend and shrink my body as far inside the circle as I possibly could but if I overbalanced my turn inside the circle was over.

We played this game for hours and hours at a time. Eventually your opponent either succeeded or fell over or you both fell over and then we would laugh and laugh. We laughed when we succeeded, and we laughed when someone fell over. It became like a cat and mouse game, each hoping they could outsmart the other or balance long enough to touch the other or avoid being touched. Sometimes you could pretend you had lost interest and then just as your opponent made a move, you had to be ready to respond. If you let your guard down, you could end up being caught off guard and you were touched. Sometimes one would lean too far and overbalance. Then we would laugh and laugh and do it all over again.

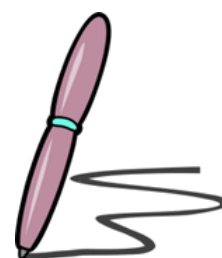
by Greta Brown

RGS Logo Items

The following articles are on sale at our General Meetings -

- Ballpoint Pens in Blue & Silver or in Burgundy & Gold
- Refrigerator Bulldog Magnetic Clips
- Keyrings

They can be purchased at the "sign-in" table.



Members' Interests

Please contact Members through the Society's email: redlandgs@gmail.com**Member's Name: Thel BROOKS****Membership No: 352**

SURNAME	Country	Town/City	State/County	Year or Range of Years
BROOKS	SCOTLAND	Hamilton	LANARKSHIRE	1800-1900
CHALMERS	SCOTLAND		LANARKSHIRE	1800-1900
CRYAN (various spellings)	IRELAND	Leitrim	ROSCOMMON	1800-1860
GEELAN	SCOTLAND	Hamilton	LANARKSHIRE	1800-1900
MOONEY	IRELAND	DUBLIN		1800-1900
MURRAY	IRELAND	Leitrim	ROSCOMMON	1800-1860
O'CONNOR	IRELAND	DUBLIN		1800-1900
RENNIE	SCOTLAND	Kilsyth	STIRLINGSHIRE	1500-1800

Member's Name: Stuart Edward TAPLEY**Membership No: 211**

SURNAME	Country	Town/City	State/County	Year or Range of Years
GRUND	AUSTRALIA	Kimba	S'TH AUSTRALIA	1800>
GRUND	GERMANY			1800>
HANLEY	AUSTRALIA	Laura	S'TH AUSTRALIA	1800>
HANLEY	IRELAND		N'TH IRELAND	1800>
TAPLEY	AUSTRALIA	Adelaide	S'TH AUSTRALIA	1800>
TAPLEY	ENGLAND	Folkestone	KENT	1800>
TAPLEY	ENGLAND	Plymouth	DEVON	1800>
TAPLEY	ENGLAND	Chester	CHESHIRE	1800>
TAPLEY	USA	Salem	NEW ENGLAND	1600>
TAPLEY	USA	Charles City	VIRGINIA	1600>

Member's Name: Penny STEWART**Membership No: 207**

SURNAME	Country	Town/City	State/County	Year or Range of Years
BAKER	ENGLAND	Hadleigh	SUFFOLK	1600's
BAILLIE	SCOTLAND	Paisley	RENFREWSHIRE	1600-1700
BROWN	ENGLAND	Mistley	ESSEX	1700's
EWART	SCOTLAND	Greenock	RENFREWSHIRE	1700's
HORFOD	ENGLAND		NORTHAMPSHIRE	1820's
MANNING	IRELAND		MEATH	1750-1850
ROSE	ENGLAND	Nottingham	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	1700's
STEWART	SCOTLAND	Paisley	RENFREWSHIRE	1600-1700
TREMENHEERE	ENGLAND		CORNWALL	1500-1800
VAN REEKUM	NETHERLANDS	Amsterdam		1700's
VROMANS	NETHERLANDS	Amsterdam		1800's
WARNER	ENGLAND	Thorpe-le-Soken	ESSEX	1700's

Queensland State Archives

“Recently UnRAP’d”

Qld State Archives advises that, In March, over 800 items were made available on ArchivesSearch.

You can explore the biggest releases below -

Mining lease files -this series contains records relating to mining leases, pursuant to the Mining Act 1898 and 1968 and the Mineral Resources Act 1989. A mining lease is granted for the mining of minerals, coal, and resources including camps, workshops, stockpiles, various types of water storage devices, treatment plants, storage sheds and explosive magazines.

Administration files for Police Department - this series comprises correspondence and other papers created by the various divisions, at the Executive, Regional and District levels, of the Police Department. This series documents some of the major functions of the Police Department between 1870 and 1996.

Corporate school files -This series comprises correspondence files relating to requests, lodged by various State Schools, for supplies, requisitions, equipment and building facilities. The files also include correspondence relating to the acquisition of land for schools, opening or closure of state schools, rough development plans, costings and letters of complaint.

Any of the following may be included on the file –

maps; plans; correspondence; *Government Gazette* notices; applications; descriptions of the land; notices from Treasury about payments; transfers; lease documents; conditions of lease; forfeiture, surrender or extension of leases; reports; and details of mortgage.

National Archives of Australia	Queensland State Archives
<p style="text-align: center;">16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill Phone: (07) 3249 4200 Website: www.naa.gov.au</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">435 Compton Road, Runcorn Phone: (07) 3131 7777 Website: www.archives.qld.gov.au</p>
<p>Important! Before visiting, you should check NAA's requirements at https://www.naa.gov.au/help-your-research/research-centres#before-you-visit. Bookings are not essential but may be required if busy. Phone 07 3249 4200 to plan your visit and find out more about COVID-19 health and safety measures in place.</p> <p>Open - Wednesday to Friday 9:00am to 4.30pm Closed – Saturday to Tuesday and Public Holidays</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>For details of regular Events, you can register on their website to arrange a subscription to their free newsletter .</p>	<p>Important! Due to a limited number of researcher tables, only visitors with online bookings are permitted to use the Reading Room. Pre-booked sessions are available at 9am-12.30pm and/or 1.30pm – 4.30pm, Monday-Friday and on the second Saturday of each month.</p> <p>Follow links in website to make a booking or for online research.</p> <p>QSA's archival collection comprises of millions of public records dating back to the early Moreton Bay penal settlement of 1823. Free on-site parking is available.</p> <p>The QSA holds informative Seminars and Events throughout the year, on their premises and at external venues. Check “<i>What's on</i>” in their website for details or arrange a subscription to their free “<i>qsa bulletin</i>”.</p>

Where to get your Certificates

Prices are based on Historical Certificates, where available



Queensland

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages (Qld)
Level 32/180 Ann St, Brisbane City QLD 4000
PO Box 15188, City East, Qld 4002
Phone: 13 74 68
Hours: Monday-Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm
\$23.30 Historical Image – PDF on-line
\$23.30 Historical Source Image – PDF on-line
\$32.75 Historical Certificate – Includes postage
<https://www.qld.gov.au/law/rbdlm>

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 - **Download**
\$51.40 Historical Certificate – **Postage extra**
www.bdm.vic.gov.au

Australian Capital Territory

(Pre 1930, apply to NSW)
Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 158, Canberra City, ACT 2601
Phone: (02) 6207 3000
\$66.00 - Includes postage
Historic Death and Marriage Indexes are available.
<https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/s/article/births-deaths-and-marriages-forms-and-fees-tab-payment-options>

South Australia

Births, Deaths & Marriages
Consumer & Business Services
GPO Box 1351, Adelaide, SA 5001
Phone: 131 882
\$56.50 - 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://www.genealogy.sa.gov.au) for an online name search for BDMs **and** to search a number of 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
\$56.55 – 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
\$48.00 – Postage extra
(1856-1863 check NSW)
(1863-1870 check SA)
www.nt.gov.au/justice/bdm



New Zealand

Registry of Births, Deaths, Marriages & Citizenship
PO Box 10-526, Wellington 6143 New Zealand
\$(NZ)25.00 - Printout
Printout has more information than a certificate
(Visa, MasterCard & American Express accepted)
www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/Home/

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