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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: Karen Hawkes (Librarian), Ian Barrett, Greta Brown, Val Burt, Margaret Clark, Russell Clarke, Jeanne Dixon, Annette Hall, Laraine Haswell, Bev McFadyen, Eddie Richards, Irene Salvatierra, Dianne Smith, 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 online at https://redl.sdp.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en_AU/search/asset/1007593/0. Georgia Bennett is Redland City Council's Local History Librarian; Gillian McNeill is Assistant Local History Librarian.



A Note from the Editor

This is the final edition for 2022; Christmas and New Year will shortly be upon us. Our Genealogical Research Assistants will be taking their annual break from Tuesday 20 December 2022 to Saturday 14 January 2023, inclusive. This does not prevent members from gaining access to the Genealogy Room to pursue their researching.

Please consider Karen's article *What is Involved in being a Genealogical Research Assistant*. Extra help is needed to share the roster, and positive research benefits do accrue from participating in this role. As a GRA you become very familiar with our resources, the scope of which may surprise, and you will have the advantage of working with a fellow member on your own research during "quiet times" (there are not always visitors during the rostered periods).

Furthermore, you will be assisting your Society with keeping down its costs and thus membership fees. Unlike many other societies, we do not pay for leasing and maintaining premises to house our research materials and equipment. We are fortunate to have a Memorandum of Understanding with the Redland City Council: they provide our Genealogy Room at no cost; GRAs assist the public three times weekly with their family research enquiries.

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 -

IF A NEW MEMBER: The word **New + Surname** || IF RENEWING: **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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What is Involved in being a Genealogical Research Assistant?

Without our GRAs our Genie Room would not function. Will you join our team to help others?



- You need to be available three hours a month.
- You need to be able to say, "I don't know!! However I will try to find out for you."
- You need some knowledge of family history, of using computers, a library catalogue & finding titles, of writing receipts, and of record keeping.
- You will be introduced to the Genie Room and its holdings, after which you will be paired with an experienced GRA.

Our Genie Room opening times for which Assistants are required are 9.30am to 12.30pm Tuesdays & Thursdays and 12.30pm to 3.30pm Saturdays.

You will also be able to do your own research when not busy.

Knowing that you have helped another researcher is very satisfying and GRAs often find that they have learnt something new in the process as well.

If you feel that you would like to know more about what is involved before deciding to volunteer, it can be arranged that you shadow one of our current assistants for a session.

Please phone me, or feel free to talk to me in person.

Karen Hawkes
Librarian

Members' Outing



Times are returning to "normal" since the days of 2020/21, during which COVID-19 curtailed so many activities.

In October, a number of us had an enjoyable and informative morning, out and about, at the Archerfield Aerodrome and the adjacent heritage-listed cemetery "God's Acre".

We finished the visit with lunch at the airport's "Archer Café".

Until 1949, Archerfield Aerodrome served as Brisbane's domestic and international airport. It was established after farmlands were purchased by the government in 1929 and it was serviced by QANTAS and the well-known but now defunct domestic airlines of ANA and TAA. The farmlands were subdivisions of a 640acre property purchased by Thomas GRENIER in 1855. The fully preserved art deco passenger terminal still stands, with its oak-panelled entry and ticket desk and carpeted observation lounge.

Thomas GRENIER bequeathed 3 roods (three quarters of an acre) for the cemetery known as God's Acre. The first burial took place in October 1859 and was of his 16year old son who died in a riding accident. This historic cemetery is the final resting place of many pioneers of the district. It also is known as the Coopers Plains Cemetery.

Control of the cemetery passed to the Yerongpilly Shire Council in 1924, and thus to Brisbane City Council in 1925. It was closed in 1931 by the Brisbane City Council and future burials restricted to those who could demonstrate that they already possessed burial rights.





Notes from the Library

At the AGM I was appointed as the new Librarian, replacing Jeanne Dixon.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Jeanne for all her guidance and support in helping me to take on this role. Thank you very much Jeanne!

I would also like to say, "Thank you" to all GRAs. "You are very much appreciated!" Our Genealogy Room (fondly known as the "Genie Room") would not function without you.

We need more GRAs as unfortunately we have had three resign this year.

The new Local History Librarian for the Cleveland Library has been appointed. Her name is Georgia Bennett, email - georgia.bennett@redland.qld.gov.au.

Our Society subscribes to the following sites, all freely accessible in our Genie Room -

- *FindMyPast*
- *Biographical Database of Australia*
- *RootsIreland*
- *The Genealogist*

The Redland Library computers have *Ancestry* for you to access, and this also is available in our Genie Room.

We now have a Catalogued List of the Cleveland Cemetery that was compiled by RGS Members. This is shelved in the Cemetery Listings section.

When visiting the Genie Room, please remember to sign the Attendance Book and to fill out the Borrowing Book, if borrowing any books, and to wipe down all surfaces when leaving.

The GRAs will begin training in the IGI Index, thank you to Annette Hall. Also cleaning, culling & sorting of books and shelves will begin soon.

The Christmas vacation dates for GRAs are from Tuesday 20 December 2022 to Saturday 14 January 2023. No GRAs will be in attendance from & including these dates. First day back for GRAs will be Tuesday 17 January 2023.

I wish all GRAs, Members & their Families a Safe & Merry Christmas !! See you all at the library in 2023.

Karen Hawkes

"MyHeritage" Website

The Genealogical Society of Queensland subscribes to this family history research organisation.

Members of Redland Genealogical Society can use this site at no cost, as RGS pays for Affiliate Membership of GSQ.

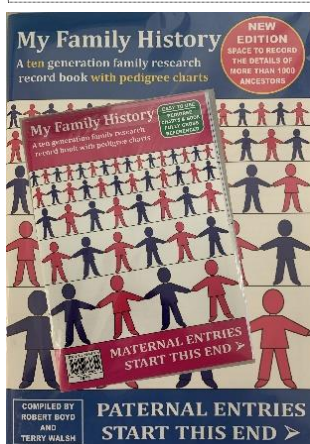
MyHeritage's September 2022 newsletter advises that 74 Collections with 130 Million Historical Records have been added to its database, stating –

We have been growing our content team and ramping up our pace of publishing new collections of historical records, to help our users progress in their family history research and make incredible discoveries. In this post, we're excited to share our largest collection update yet. The 74 new collections we've published include 130 million records of many different types, including birth, marriage, death, census, immigration, civil, military, newspapers, will and probate records. Showing MyHeritage's commitment to advance genealogy globally, the new records come from many countries: the U.S., the U.K, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Scotland, and Spain. Following this update, MyHeritage's database of historical records has now grown to 18.6 billion records.

Details for access will be found in the Members' Section on the RGS website.

Latest Acquisitions of Books for RGS Library

Title	Author	Category	Location
<i>South Australian Registration Districts Of Births, Death & Marriages</i>	Schahinger, Beryl E	BDM	1 SA BDM SCH
<i>Tracing Your Ancestors Using DNA: A Guide</i>	Holton, Graham	Genealogy	3 WW GEN HOL
<i>The Lost Family: How DNA Testing is Upending Who We Are</i>	Copeland, Libby	Genealogy	3 WW GEN COP
<i>Trove: Discover Genealogy Treasure in the NLA</i>	Hicks, Shauna	Guide	1 AUS GUI HIC
<i>Finding True Connections: How to Learn & Write About a Family Member's History</i>	Thomas, Gareth St John	Family History	3 WW FAM THO
<i>Tracing Your Scottish Family History on the Internet</i>	Paton, Chris	Guide	2 SCT GUI PAT
<i>Tracing Your Irish Ancestors 5th revised edition</i>	Grenham, John	Guide	2 IRE GUI GRE
<i>With Compass Chain & Courage</i>	Gray-Woods, D.	History	1 QLD HIS GRA
<i>From the Beehive to the Hornet's Nest</i>	Nunn, Elizabeth	History	1 QLD HIS NUN
<i>Noosa Remembers: A History of the WWI on a Small Farm</i>	Hextall, J & Harding, J.	Military	1 QLD MIL HEX
<i>The Gayndah Communes</i>	Metcalf, Bill	History	1 QLD HIS MET
<i>Brisbane Tramways: The Last Decade</i>	Clark, Howard R	History	1 QLD HIS CLA
<i>The Holland Family, Lockerbie, Cape York, Gladstone</i>	Hall, Ann M.	Family History	1 QLD FAM HAL
<i>Bearers of the Tradition: Nurses of the RBH</i>	Gregory, H. & Brazil, C.	History	1 QLD HIS GRE
<i>A Hard & Noble Life: A History of Nursing at the Ipswich Hospital</i>	Cook, Margaret	History	1 QLD HIS COO
<i>Memoirs of Killarney & District</i>	Schofield, Claire	History	1 QLD HIS KIL
<i>The Darling Downs: A Pictorial History 1850-1950</i>	French, M & Waterson, D.	History	1 QLD HIS FRE
<i>Guide to Your Ancestors Lives</i>	Barratt, Nick	Family History	2 BRI FAM BAR
<i>Tracing Your East Anglican Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians</i>	Blanchard, Gill	Family History	2 ENG GUI BLA
<i>Writing Your Family History: A Guide for Family Historians</i>	Blanchard, Gill	Guide	3 WW GUI BLA
<i>Tracing Your Irish Family on the Internet: A Guide for Family Historians</i>	Paton, Chris	Guide	2 IRE GUI PAT
<i>Tracing the Rifle Volunteers: A Guide for Military & Family Historians</i>	Westlake, Ray	Military	2 BRI MIL WES
<i>Family History Comes to Life</i>	Cuffley, Peter	Family History	3 WW FAM CUF
<i>Redlands at War: Information & Images Held In Local History Library</i>	Redland City Council	History	1 QLD HIS RED
<i>Writing Your Family History: A Practical Guide</i>	Cass, Deborah	Guide	3 WW GUI CAS
<i>Tracing Your Irish Ancestors Through Land Records</i>	Paton, Chris	Guide	2 IRE GUI PAT



My Family History

A ten generation family research record book with pedigree charts

You may find this book to be a practical way to keeping your family research in order. Paternal entries are made from the Front, swap the book around and Maternal entries are made from the back.

A copy is on display in the Genealogy Room, along with an Order Form, when GRAs are on duty.

Its price is \$30.00


Penny Stewart

A black and white photograph showing the interior of a church. The view is from the back of the nave looking towards the altar. The ceiling is high and vaulted, with dark wooden beams. The walls are light-colored. On the left and right sides, there are rows of dark wooden pews. In the center, there is a large, ornate stained glass window above the altar. The altar itself is covered with a white cloth. There are some decorative elements on the walls, including a framed picture on the left and a small statue on the right. The overall atmosphere is solemn and historic.

MR. J. C. MILL	1888
MR. R. B. TONGE	1905
MR. W. CLARK	1913
MR. R. PARSONS	1913
MR. T. SORRELL	1916
MR. T. GONN	1916
MR. H. O. GIBSON	1917
MR. W. BOOTS	1918
MR. JOHN FIELD	1919
MR. R. H. PHAIR	1919
MR. G. F. HAWIN	1921

A black and white photograph of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Montreal. The image captures the exterior of the church, showcasing its Gothic Revival architecture. On the left, a large rose window is visible above an arched entrance. To the right, a tall, ornate bell tower rises into the sky, featuring multiple levels of arched openings and intricate stonework. A large, leafy tree stands in the foreground, partially obscuring the lower part of the church. The ground in front of the church appears to be a paved plaza or courtyard.

R. WYCKE MEMORIAL		PERSONS WHO HAVE WORKED IN EYLON		AND LIVED THERE	
Mr. W. BAILE	1825	Mr. W. CLARK	1900		
Mr. J. BROWNING	1853	Mr. J. GUNTER	1900		
Mr. J. KRECHT	1854	Mr. O. SIMMONS	1900		
Mr. E. HASLAW	1852	Mr. J. HALEY	1906		
Mr. F. THURGOOD	1852	Mr. J. BREH	1907		
Mr. S. LARIBINE	1860	Mr. S. M. SIMMONS	1911		
Mr. G. RUMWELL	1864	Mr. F. HIGGINS	1914		
Mr. G. WARD	1866	Mr. F. COURT	1914		
Mr. W. DAKLEY	1866	Mr. J. HOLLOWAY	1918		
Mr. J. PICKFORD	1870	Mr. S. CLOYD	1922		
Mr. G. PUCHT	1870	Mr. E. HENKLEY	1922		
Mr. G. MAYOR	1872	Mr. L. DUFF	1922		
Mr. C. GREENWOOD	1873	Mr. S. & W. HENRY	1924		
Mr. W. MOOD	1876	Mr. J. HENRY	1924		
Mr. J. SALKER	1877	Mr. J. LANGFOLD RUSK	1924		
Mr. J. W. JONES	1880	Mr. W. G. G.	1927		
Mr. A. JULY	1883	Mr. R. THOMAS	1927		
Mr. J. GUNWILL	1886	Mr. J. SCOTLAND	1928		
Mr. C. PARSONS	1893	Mr. J. W. HARTLEY	1929		
Mr. S. COLES	1898	Mr. J. PHILLIPS	1930		
Mr. H. M. PREAT	1898	Mr. S. DUNN	1931		
Mr. A. HOOK	1898	Mr. J. ROBERT HARE	1931		
Mr. J. PROCTOR	1899	Mr. J. HARRIS	1931		
Mr. J. BRANT	1899	Mr. M. J. PICKFORD	1932		
		Mr. M. G. WALLIS	1931		
		Mr. R. FOLLOTT	1933		



This humble man from Nottingham, from an impoverished background of Lacemakers, decided he had a “calling”. His absolute devotion to his faith was unswerving. He joined the Christian Missionary Society (C.M.S.) to teach the gospel in places far away.

This evangelical organisation was founded in 1799. Its mission was to start indigenous churches that were not modelled in the same way as the “high” Anglican church. It had been realised that strict theological practices would not translate into the local communities. A more consultative approach was needed based predominately on providing pastoral education to the masses in their own cultural context by their own countrymen. This was the brief. This was to prove to be William’s undoing.

His first posting was to Tamil Nadu in India in 1848. One can only imagine his astonishment on his arrival. Torrential monsoonal rain, long dry spells, flooding, and temperatures over 30 degrees Centigrade in summer. Religions that worshipped many gods, cremated bodies’ ashes strewn across the nearest river or the belief that rebirth follows death to remind its followers of death’s impermanence. Diseases were rife. A place where the British were not necessarily welcomed where he was required to preach to people who were indifferent, perhaps even hostile. This was now his world.

He was not deterred. His predominate mission was to establish a network of schools throughout the region. He soon realised the ability to speak and perhaps even write, the local language was fundamental. One cannot but think that this may have been the catalyst for his marriage, to Mary Anne Baker in 1851.

Mary Anne was the daughter of Henry Baker and Amelia Kohlhoff. One could say, she was the daughter of the Gospel in India. Her father, Henry Baker was another renowned C.M.S. missionary who had spent forty-nine years furthering the education of the Indian community. Henry’s wife, Amelia, was part of the Danish missionary Kohlhoff family dating back to about 1711. Marrying Mary Anne would have enabled William to quickly understand the nuances of Indian culture learnt and handed down from generation to generation.

After a span of eighteen years in Tamil Nadu, a decision was taken in London to transfer William to Ceylon in 1866 to be Superintendent of the Tamil Coolie mission. One assumes this decision would have been predicated on William’s proven track record together with his knowledge of the language.

The mission was going through hard times as the prosperous coffee industry had been all but wiped out by disease resulting in tough economic times that directly impacted on the Tamil Coolies employment. Even with these hard times in the background, he still set about the C.M.S. brief, of education utilising the local population, to spread the word of God.

In 1875, a young, inexperienced Bishop was sent out from the Anglican Church in London. His task was to ensure that the chaplains would preach in their areas and the existing Tamil congregations would be absorbed into their parishes. William was unwavering, it went against all his previous practices. This would not work, and he refused to obey the dictates of this bishop.

This became “The Ceylon Controversy”, a dispute between the bishop and the C.M.S. in London. William was embroiled in this theological difference of doctrine. The island was in an uproar. It had to be resolved. Finally, a Memorial was drawn up between the organisation and the Archbishop of Canterbury that dictated how the mission would be run in the future. It was, in fact, a compromise with the proviso that William’s missionary licence would be withdrawn. He was returned to India in 1880.

It is with sadness that I consider this person, this ancestor, who after over thirty years of dedication to his faith found himself treated in this manner. Had he not followed the dictates of his superiors? How would he have felt? It is, however, wonderful to think that his dedication did not go unnoticed, borne out by that wonderful plaque that I was privileged to see so many years later.

Writing Interest Group Short Stories



The Group starts its meetings with the opportunity for members to write a short story, in a given time frame, on a specified topic. Sometimes members share their stories. The topic on this occasion is “Trains and railways in your family history”.

Three of these stories appear over the following two pages.

My Connection with the Railways.

Audrey Warner

Trains – They have played a part in my life from very early days. As a young child and again later as a teenager, our home was across the road from the Moorooka Railway station. People used to ask us how we could sleep with the continuous noise emanating from the many steam trains that used the busy line, especially during World War II. The fact was that both my parents and I found it harder to sleep when we were away from the noise to which we were so accustomed.

To the west of the Moorooka station was Clapham Junction where the big Garrett engines were housed. As a teenager my friends and I would happily clamber over them with no thoughts of any danger involved.

When I left high school, I was first employed in a place called Milking Machine Supplies but didn't last long there. Luckily, my uncle Bill Howe, who was an employee in the office of the Commissioner for Railways, arranged for me to sit for an exam to become a stenotypiste there. Fortunately I passed and was soon one of the pool of typistes in a large office on the 5th floor of the Government building on the southern side of ANZAC Square. I really enjoyed working there, although wasn't quite so enamoured when I was given the task of typing onto stencils the data relating to the mileage, fuel consumption etc. of the QGR railway engines, so many figures!

I also received a pass to travel by steam train to work each day from Moorooka to South Brisbane which was the end of the line in those days. From South Brisbane station I would usually walk across Victoria Bridge through the city to my work. If it was raining I would catch a tram across, but that cost money, so I only did that when really necessary; besides it was very pleasant to be able to do some window shopping when I walked. Of course, married women were not allowed to be employed in any Government position, so my employment was terminated the week before I married in December 1956. That hurt, but it was probably for the best as nine months later the first of our five children appeared on the scene.



To this day my favourite form of transport is the train and my husband and I have used them to travel through much of Australia via The Spirit of Queensland, The Spirit of the Outback, Gulflander, Savannahlander, The Ghan, Indian Pacific and on shorter lines like the one to Kuranda. Our choice of travel from Cleveland to Brisbane is also by train although the dreaded COVID-19 has curtailed that.

I look forward to more rail travels in a healthier world.

Trains in My Family

Helen Veivers

Trains today are an integral part of life and the economy in Queensland. Of course, this was not always the case, but, as Queensland opened up, wherever the railway went, prosperity appeared to follow.

My Great Grandfather, Ernest Fuelling, was very involved in the early railway developments, particularly in far North Queensland. (If one goes back further in Ernest's history, it would be discovered that he first drove trains in India in the 1870s. It was here that he met and married Charlotte Hussen in November 1871. Following Ernest's return to England it was only a few years before he set sail for Australia with my Great Grandmother, Amy – no, it wasn't his wife Charlotte!! Charlotte apparently stayed behind in England with their two daughters. My family's interpretation of the situation is that Ernest "had been a naughty boy" and that Amy had had 2 children out of wedlock, the eldest of these two being my Grandmother. We'll never know the real truth!!)

I digress – Ernest and Amy lived in Spring Hill and Red Hill in Brisbane, Queensland, for some time before Ernest scored a job working in Mourilyan in far North Queensland driving cane trains. This was at the time that the scenic railway from Cairns to Kuranda was being constructed. Ernest could next be found driving trains around Cairns and then, as the Cairns Kuranda rail line construction progressed, he drove trains carrying materials up to the building sites for the railway line. He was the driver of the first train across the Stoney Creek Bridge on 30 June 1890, a milestone in the rail line construction, and still a much-anticipated landmark on the railway line today.

My Family Tree Train Story

Di Edelman

My Great Grandfather, Frederick ALLEY, was a cordwinder or shoemaker in Trowbridge, Wiltshire in 1861 but by 1870, he and my Great Grandmother, Elizabeth GOULD, were living in New Swindon, Swindon. New Swindon was a railway town built by Great Western Railways (GWR) to house the many families who moved there to work in the large plant which built engines and carriages.

Frederick began work as a railway labourer but by the 1881 census he was a machine man and his son, Frederick Ernest ALLEY, my grandfather, was an apprenticed boiler maker.

The 1891 census showed that Frederick was still a machine man and Frederick Ernest had moved north to work at shipworks but another son, John, was an apprenticed boiler maker.

By 1901, Frank & Jesse ALLEY, twin sons of Frederick and Elizabeth who were both 19, were apprenticed to GWR. Jesse had a 6year apprenticeship as an engine painter (Imagine that!) and Frank was a tinsmith.

Fredrick was still working as a machine man in 1911 when he was 66. After his retirement, he was instrumental in the formation of the GWR Retired Workmen's Association, being the original secretary and holding that position for many years.

So, you can see that the railways and especially GWR played a huge part in the life of my ALLEY family.

RGS Displays

Our Displays Co-ordinator, Elaine Speck, was kept busy organising displays during Seniors Month in October.

We had a display over four days from 9am to 3pm, in the Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre, and another, from 9am to 1pm, at the Seniors' Expo held in the Donald Simpson Centre.

Both attracted much attention, and several asked for a Membership Application form. Four new members have since joined.

It is important to make our Society known to the community and these displays are a very important activity for this purpose.

Breaking down Brick Walls



Guest speaker spot in October was replaced with a discussion session on the Brick Walls, so often struck in family research. It was very ably led by Membership Officer, Annette Hall, a well-informed and knowledgeable researcher. The session was advertised in the local newspaper as part of Seniors' Month activities. Visitors were invited to bring along their problems.

Several visitors attended, having seen the advertisement. One guest was having difficulty researching his mother's side from Ipswich Queensland. Another was looking for lists of passengers coming into Western Australia. Yet another was looking for GG Grandparents, from Hobart Tasmania. A member still had not found her husband's father's birth certificate, despite lengthy research.

Annette demonstrated various approaches to searching the **General Registry Office** (GRO) in the UK. Users must register, but searching the site is free. President, Helen Veivers, suggested registering with **Google Alerts**, a service that emails the user when it finds new results - such as web pages, newspaper articles, blogs, or scientific research - that match the user's search term. Web address is <https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/4815696?hl=en>.

Another piece of useful advice, when researching on websites, was to always scroll down the whole screen, read the "help" section, and read the guides.

It was an interesting discussion session. Many tips were shared, hopefully assisting in breaking down those Brick Walls.

A Job Like No Other

by Greta Brown



It was an exciting time for my husband, Peter, as a young man working for Queensland Rail during the 1970's in Brisbane. The Diesel Electric train in this photograph was a Centenary addition to the fleet of trains. This busy commercial district at Newstead was on the outskirts of the residential district, and not far from the business district of Fortitude Valley, the McWhirters building and other essential shops and department stores which were so much a part of our lives. Newstead was another hive of activity. Here, at an equally busy district vital to the economy of Queensland, was a bustling mix of commuter traffic, commercial vehicles and rail wagons each vying for the opportunity to negotiate one of the busiest intersections in Brisbane and to take their place to negotiate the chaotic mix of bitumen roads and railway tracks which were a continuous stream of traffic all day long. The intersection had a notorious railway level crossing where the two major roads of Breakfast Creek Road and Wickham Street intersected with Montpelier Road and Skyring Terrace.

Shunter in charge, Peter Brown, braves traffic at Breakfast Creek Road and Montpelier Road, Newstead everyday in his job as bell and flagman for Queensland Rail in 1970

Whenever Peter speaks about his time as shunter-in-charge at Newstead, he seems to go back there in his mind, recalling those days with a fondness reserved for that time and place. He played his part in ensuring the safe crossing of the trains at a time when they were so vital to Brisbane's industry and commerce and were inextricably connected.

Peter was a sixteen years old, working as part of a team of men employed by Queensland Rail. It is with a sense of nostalgia and disbelief that an era of Queensland Rail's history is no more. The business of getting the locomotive across Breakfast Creek Road and Montpelier Road at Newstead was not without its hazards and more than one railway employee was nudged and injured by cars driven by impatient drivers, while running the gauntlet of crossing to the other side. Some of the bell men found this particular crossing particularly trying and one of them, on being nudged between a car and a goods train, completely lost his patience, and threw his brass bell weighing about five kilograms into the back window of the offending driver's vehicle.

Peter said, "It was the kind of job that appealed to my nature at the time." He was sixteen and he admits that he was a bit of a daredevil. "It was not without risk, and I suppose I liked that about the job. It's all changed nowadays," he says a little wistfully "Workplace safety has become part and parcel of every job these days, so many of the old ways would not be allowed in today's workplaces."

Peter was shunter-in-charge. His task as bell and flagman required him to walk in front of the goods train holding a flag in one hand and a bell in the other. He was required to do this several times a day when a train was shunted into the many different locations to the No 8 Wool store, Elders Australian Estates, McTaggarts, Winchcombe Carson, Goldsborough-Mort, Australian Mutual Limited Finance, Smiths, and Queensland Primary Producers.

The wagons were shunted into the siding. The storemen and packers then unloaded the bales of wool into the wool stores. This required loading the wool bale on to a hand trolley, taking it to one of the lifts, loading. another bale into the same lift, then taking the wool up to the top floor of the wool store. There were many men coming and going all day long, until the last of the wagons was unloaded.

Peter remembers that emoleum (bitumen) for the state's road projects was a particularly difficult product to dispense. If it became solid, the boilers on the emoleum wagons had to be stoked to heat the product sufficiently so that it flowed, and this had to be done with great care. He reminisces now about those days because things no longer happen as they did back then.

What Peter didn't realize as a young man, was that he was witnessing the end of an era. He says "We shunted trains to the Colonial Sugar Refinery which was located next to the New Farm Powerhouse on the Brisbane River. The sugar refinery used the coal we brought to the powerhouse directly from the mines and it had its own dedicated rail link. We delivered coal for the furnaces of the powerhouse and the refinery. The Powerhouse still stands today. These days it is a museum and theatre venue with restaurants nearby and visitors can walk along the river bank which is mainly used these days for recreation."

Recently Peter and I visited this area. Naturally it has changed so that it is hard to imagine the way it was in the 1970s. Most products are shipped from Port of Brisbane at what we knew to be Fishermans Island. The old brick buildings still bear the names of the original owners, but they have been renovated and are extremely sought after for housing apartments. It's an ideal location because of its proximity to the river and the river ferries. Today the City Cat carries people to many more locations than the small cross-river ferries did in the 1970s and the City Cat network connects workers to many parts of the city, so it is understandable that the apartments have become so popular.

Peter admits that he has a fondness for this area because he lived in Mole Street on the top of the southern bank, overlooking the wool stores and the river. The big gas tank that was a well-known landmark near the rail crossing has gone, so too has the building next to it, James Hardy Industries. James Hardy used to manufacture asbestos building material until the lawsuits in the 1990s. The Powerhouse is now a restaurant and live theatre, and the CSR refinery is now apartments. He still remember the buzzing of the bees trying to get to the sugar.

The photo on page 11 was taken when a journalist from *The Telegraph* was sent to talk to the railway men about their job of walking the trains across this busy intersection.

The journalist reported that it's a job like no other in Brisbane and the men who do it are far from happy. The bell and flagmen from the Newstead railway station face the traffic at least seven times a day to guide diesel trains across the road. It's cold comfort for the men who do the job. The first trains cross at 4 and 5 am each day, but later, especially at peak traffic times, the railway man's job gets a bit torrid. The only other place in Brisbane where the manual warnings system for trains was used was at the Woolloongabba Fiveways where diesel locomotives number 1759 made the last crossing in 1969. "To be the last and therefore historic in a job is no blessing" according to the bell and flagmen at Newstead. The bellman have been knocked down, brushed by cars, and abused by motorists as they cross the broad intersection. "I've been hit in the behind by cars and had many brushes with vehicles - that's just not funny" said Bill Brooks of Stafford who often makes the crossing. All the other Bell and Flagman agreed it was a dangerous job and then "There's the yahoos - they make snide comments about the bell ringing and treat you as a joke."

About 200 feet (60 metres) of danger lies ahead of the bellmen when they make their crossings and only a few metres from their heels is the diesel moving slowly. The locomotive driver is always on the lookout, according to the rail men but some "Smart Alec" car drivers career through the gap between the locomotive and the flagman. They have had some close calls and who could blame them for getting a little terse when people take such risks.



Request for Assistance

The following message appeared in the Queensland BMD Family History Bulletin -

"Can you help out a fellow family history buff? One of our subscribers needs some help finding a missing link."

My grandmother said she spent time at Woolloowin Orphanage. We haven't been able to access her record. Her name was May Smith, born at Wallumbilla Qld, 25-05-1901.

Her mother was Dorothy Jane James, and her father was James Morrison Smith. He died in 1911. May could have entered the home after this date? Would appreciate assistance in this regard.

If you have any information that might help, please email it to BDMMarketing@justice.qld.gov.au



A New Era in Irish Research Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland



At the start of the Irish Civil War in 1922, the Public Record Office of Ireland was destroyed. It was one of the world's first purpose-built archival repositories (est. 1867) and one of Europe's largest continuous State Record Collections, spanning over 700 years.

Ireland has been commemorating the *Decade of Centenaries*, remembering the events which took place from 1912 to 1922, beginning with the signing of the Ulster Covenant in 1912 and ending with civil war and the partition of the island in 1922.

A dedicated project has developed the website **Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland** <https://virtualtreasury.ie/>. Many newly-discovered documents from archives around the world have been contributed to this endeavour.

The Home page contains links to pages such as -

- Tour the Reconstructed Building
- Browse the Treasury
- Find out about the Four Courts Blaze
- How to use the Virtual Treasury: Video guides

Quoting from the website -

- The Treasury re-imagines and reconstructs through digital technologies the Public Record Office of Ireland, a magnificent archive destroyed on June 30th, 1922, in the opening engagement of the Civil War. This is an open-access resource, freely and permanently available online to all those interested in Ireland's deep history at home and abroad. Together with our partners across Ireland and around the world, we are democratizing access to invaluable records and illuminating seven centuries of Irish history.
- **Gold Seams** are full-scale reconstructions of entire series of archives destroyed in 1922. These pages include deep historical context and exploration tools, providing an enriched understanding of life at the time.
- **13th — 15th centuries**
The Medieval Exchequer Gold Seam provides access to one of the most significant and underused sources for the history of late-medieval Ireland and its connections with Britain and the wider world—the records of the medieval Irish exchequer.
- **17th century**
The Cromwellian Surveys Gold Seam provides unprecedented access for anyone researching land ownership in Ireland throughout the early modern period.
- **18th century**
The religious census of 1766 is one of the richest sources available to the historical and genealogical researcher for the period prior to the commencement of the statutory census series in 1813. Although most of the original 1766 religious census returns were destroyed in 1922, 59 original items from the 1766 census survived the fire. In addition, transcripts, extracts, and parish numerical abstracts have survived for many parts of the island. Overall, more than 50,000 individual names survive from these scattered sources, these are brought together here for the first time.

Researchers of Irish genealogy and history are sure to find matters of interest on this website.

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Often family members, or friends, want to buy us a gift but are unsure of what to give. Some may like a hint! Or you may be thinking about a gift for a friend who happens to be interested in family research.

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ASHE	ENGLAND	Langley Burrell	WILTSHIRE	1640
ASHE	ENGLAND	Kensington	LONDON	1710
BROWNE	ENGLAND	Uldale	CUMBERLAND	1700
BROWNE	ENGLAND	Tower Hill	LONDON	1759
BROWNE	ENGLAND	St Pancras	LONDON	1798
BURDEN	ENGLAND	Tilbury	WILTSHIRE	1796
CATCHLOVE	ENGLAND	Westminster	LONDON	1736
CORNEY	ENGLAND	Whitby	YORKSHIRE	1750
CORNEY	ENGLAND		LONDON	1790
CORNEY	AUSTRALIA	Lake River	TASMANIA	1820
CUTHBERT	AUSTRALIA	Blackbird	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	1844
DAVIS	ENGLAND	North Martin	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	1769
DAVIS	AUSTRALIA	Colac	VICTORIA	1844
DOYLE	IRELAND		DUBLIN	1799
DOYLE	AUSTRALIA	Rylestone	NEW SOUTH WALES	1853
FLETCHER	ENGLAND	Derby	DERBYSHIRE	1687
FLETCHER	ENGLAND	Bowden	CHESHIRE	1728
FLETCHER	ENGLAND	Manchester	LANCASHIRE	1747
FLETCHER	ENGLAND	Bridewell	LONDON	1782
FLETCHER	ENGLAND	Battersea	LONDON	1794
FLETCHER	AUSTRALIA	Lake River	TASMANIA	1822
FLETCHER	AUSTRALIA	Runcorn	QUEENSLAND	1916
GOODIER	ENGLAND	Salford	MANCHESTER	1759
JAMES (Sir John)	ENGLAND	Heston	MIDDLESEX	1630
LANE (Countess D)	ENGLAND	Camden	ST GILES	1709
LANGTREE	ENGLAND	Hurstelpoint	SUSSEX	1822
LANGTREE	AUSTRALIA	Stafford	QUEENSLAND	1849
MADDOCK	ENGLAND	Warburton	CHESHIRE	1691
MADDOCK	ENGLAND	Bowden	CHESHIRE	1766
McGINNESS	IRELAND		DUBLIN	1800
MILLS	ENGLAND	Barking	LONDON	1733
RANDELL	ENGLAND	Queenhithe	LONDON	1732
RUTZ	POMERANIA	Karsenberg	POMMERN	1820
RUNG	POMERANIA	Travern	POMMERN	1843

Charlotte WRUCK - continued

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SMITH	ENGLAND	Salisbury	WILTSHIRE	1699
SMITH	ENGLAND	Tottenham	LONDON	1787
STORY	ENGLAND	Banwell	SOMERSET	1706
STORY	AUSTRALIA	Avoca	TASMANIA	1837
STORY	AUSTRALIA	Geelong	VICTORIA	1842
STORY	AUSTRALIA	Runcorn	QUEENSLAND	1887
VICTOR	MAURITIUS ISLAND			1818
VICTOR	AUSTRALIA	Convict	NEW SOUTH WALES	1837
VICTOR	AUSTRALIA	Stafford	QLD	1850
WRUCK	POMERANIA	Bublitz	POMMERN	1879
WRUK	POMERANIA	Karzenburg	POMMERN	1820

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Follow links in website to make a booking or for online research.

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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
\$23.90 Historical Image – PDF on-line
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New South Wales

NSW Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 30, Sydney, NSW 2001
Phone: 13 77 88
\$35.00 (with Registration number)
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Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
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<https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/s/article/births-deaths-and-marriages-forms-and-fees-tab-payment-options>

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Births, Deaths & Marriages
Consumer & Business Services
GPO Box 1351, Adelaide, SA 5001
Phone: 131 882
\$57.50 - 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!

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Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
PO Box 7720, Cloisters Square, Perth, WA 6850
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