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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.**Meetings are not 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, Chris Boylett, Val Burt, Margaret Clark, Russell Clarke, Jeanne Dixon, Annette Hall, Laraine Haswell, Bev McFadyen, Sandra Pawluk, Eddie Richards, Irene Salvatierra, Dianne Smith, Penny Stewart, Helen Veivers, Robyn Waters, Charlotte Wruck.

Redland City Council's Local History Collection: The 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.

Notes from the Editor

Having a display at the Redland Museum's Heritage & Harmony Fiesta has become an annual event for us. Thanks to Elaine and Kevin, we were there again in March. These displays are an important activity for publicising our Society and recruiting new members. Presently, the possibility of having a stall at "RedFest 2023" in the Cleveland Showgrounds is being investigated. As locals know, this festival has been an annual event in the Redlands for a very long time and always draws a large crowd.

Members attending the General Meetings, once again received helpful information from presentations by our Guest Speakers. In February, a representative from Metro South Health Advance Care Planning Service gave an interesting and informative presentation "*Advance Care Planning – Your Health, Your Future, Your Way*". For March meeting "*How DNA Helped find the Convict and the President in the Family*" was the Speaker's topic. In April, Helen Smith presented "*Finding Charlotte*", a research project on a very interesting woman who had married many times, legitimately and otherwise. Helen's appearances have been an annual event. She has given her time freely to present us with approaches to challenging research issues and is retiring.

After a lengthy stay in hospital, Pam Gilbert, a Life Member, is back home. You will read details of her recent kind donation in *Notes from the Librarian*. We wish Pam and husband, Jim, all the best.

Greg Glidden

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Notes from the Librarian

Hello Everyone, I hope all have had a great start to the year visiting our Genie Room for researching and to borrow a book or magazine.

Please remember to fill out the Borrowing Book in our Genie Room when borrowing books, magazines, and CDs. A list of our complete catalogue can be found on Computer 3 in our Genie Room, also on our Website and on the Redland City Council's Library Site, for you to browse.

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

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

We also subscribe to Family Tree UK, Who Do You Think You Are? UK, and Irish Roots magazines. The latest copy of each can be viewed in our Genie Room and previous copies may be borrowed.

Computers in the Redland City Council Libraries have access to Ancestry and FindMyPast, including the 1921 Census of England and Wales. Access also is available in our Genie Room for you to research.

We do not have a subscription to MyHeritage. However, this can be accessed by our Members through the Genealogical Society of Queensland's "MyGSQ" website as our Society is an affiliated member of GSQ. Details on how to access this site will be found in the Members' Section of our website, under Reciprocal Visiting Rights.

Regarding Fold 3, which is attached to Ancestry, Georgia Bennett, Local History Librarian Redland City Council, advises that the Collections Co-Ordinator is still chasing up costs for this. You will be advised when a decision has been made.

Jeanne Dixon and I visited Pam and Jim Gilbert where we entered a "Book-lover's Paradise" in Pam's research library. Pam has kindly donated all of the remaining journals and books of the *Pioneer Register* by Dr James Smee to complete our collection in our Genie Room. We thank Pam for her generosity. These will be catalogued in due course.

Please remember to fill in the "Sign In" Book when visiting our Genie Room – under the Memorandum of Understanding that we have with the Redland City Council, we are required to provide statistics on usage of the Room.

We now have 6 chairs available in our Genie Room as restrictions have been lifted.

Latest Acquisitions of Books

Title	Author	Category	Location
<i>The Whites of North Pine & Nether Winchendon 2022</i>	Roger J White	Family History	G 1 QLD FAM WHI

This family history book is beautifully presented with details, information, photographs, certificates, maps, and newspaper clippings.

In conclusion, I would like to "Thank" all GRAs for their time and dedication in our Genie Room, and to invite any Members who would like to come to our next GRA Meeting 10am on Monday 22nd May 2023 as a Visitor - You will be Very Welcome.

We currently have 18 GRAs and are looking for more to join our team!!

See You At The Library!!

Karen Hawkes

Quart Pot

Irene Salvatierra

Perhaps some members may wish to read about the beginnings of this great State in which we live. If so, I can highly commend *They came to a Plateau* which was kindly donated to our Library in March 2019 by ex-Librarian Patricia Maclean to whom we are greatly indebted for her labours.

This tome was first published in February 1972 and the 4th edition in January 2006, co-authored by Jean Harslett and Mervyn Royle – both eminent and qualified Historians. It comprises within its 213 pages 3 indices – place names and their origin, street names and a comprehensive index - also countless photos, sketches, and plans. All a genealogist could wish for in a publication.

Nowadays, the location is regularly in the news for its vagaries of weather and temperatures but started out life known as “*Quart Pot*” after Allan Cunningham passed by in the late 1820s. (He is known, as the first white man to have seen the area.) If *Quart Pot* is unknown to you, you will need to delve into the book to find the reason why this name was chosen.

Some 13 years passed before Patrick Leslie and Patrick Marsh were to sing its praises “to my mind there is nothing so charming in climate and scenery combined as this tableland of Australia” (page 7 para 5). Along with the aforementioned squatters came their sheep and ex-convicts or ticket of leave men as shepherds.

In the 1850s, English and German immigrants began arriving and also a large number of Chinese. On 6 June 1859, Queensland was proclaimed a British Colony and separated from New South Wales. (But not until Federation, 1st January 1901, did Queensland become an Australian Colony and State.) However, 1870 saw a major change in husbandry with the introduction of the 6 or 7 wire fence. In effect, 1 boundary rider replaced 3 shepherds and fencing helped to combat trespassing.

Two years later, the accepted sequence of the discovery of “black gold” is related in a monograph with one Cornelius McGlew chiefly instrumental in its announcement. The story goes “a clue had been given to him by a Police Magistrate’s recollection of a very weighty sand bag used as a wind break at the *Quart Pot Creek Hotel*. Mr. McGlew and his partner, acting on the presumption that the heavy sand might be tin, at once proceeded to the locality and immediately proved the correctness of their surmise.” (Page 32- 2nd para) For this interesting personal account, the reader is indebted to his grand-daughter Lady Cilento (née Phyllis McGlew) a lady very well known in the medical field in Queensland. The story of tin was, in subsequent years, one of ups and downs. It ranged in size from that of grains of sand to pieces of walnut size. The other minerals extracted were gold, silver, wolfram, copper, and grey arsenic (which helped control prickly pear).

But, by 1885, miners were finding it more lucrative toiling on railway construction rather than on tin fields. The rail connection - which provided ready and cheap transport to markets - prompted the birth of fruit farming and the *Granite Belt* with its perfect climate produced deciduous fruit and vegetables during hot summer months when they could not be produced in the rest of the State. Claims were made of the population reaching 30,000 in the mining days! (Nowadays c. 5,400)

The first Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths was appointed on 30 December 1872 and figures recorded for 1873 show 148 births, 32 marriages and 44 deaths (page 170 – 2nd para).

The first Queensland bank was the QN (Queensland National Bank) which opened for business on 3 June 1872 in palatial offices at the corner of Queen and Creek Streets, Brisbane. Only 3 days later, its first branch was opened in a much more humble building at Quart Pot. And, on the following day – 7 June – the Bank of New South Wales also opened its doors for business.

The first hotel licence was issued on 1 April 1872, and, by year’s end, there were 45 in number with an additional 20 within a few years. And this little gem from 1 of the 4 Temperance Societies formed that same year – “beer filled many a bottle and the bottle many a bier”. Pages 147-150 list all the pubs, proprietors, and situation. Some hotels removed tables and chairs after dining to make way for entertainment and/or sleeping arrangements.

During the early 1900s, its climate was being hailed as the “Sanatorium of Queensland” and hotels of high class were rebuilt to offer accommodation to please the most fastidious tourist or seeker of a salubrious summer climate. Then in March 1919 the soldier settlements commenced on expired leases.

As a youngster I recall seeing the famous (worldwide) **Wirth's Circus** on many occasions. But I was unaware the Wirth brothers - Phillip and George - had formed their group using entirely local talent. On page 155 it details their star exhibit “the uncouth powerful amphibian monster, the hippopotamus ‘Lizzie’ the first ever to come alive to Australia. The brothers had purchased it from the Hamburg Zoo for £1,250 and kept it alive on the deck of the boat in two huge zinc lined boxes, filled daily with fresh water. The Circus arrived on 19 June 1911 in two special trains, to proudly perform in the township of their humble beginnings.”

Another local to achieve world fame is Charles Chauvel who earned the title of *The Father of the Australian Film Industry*.

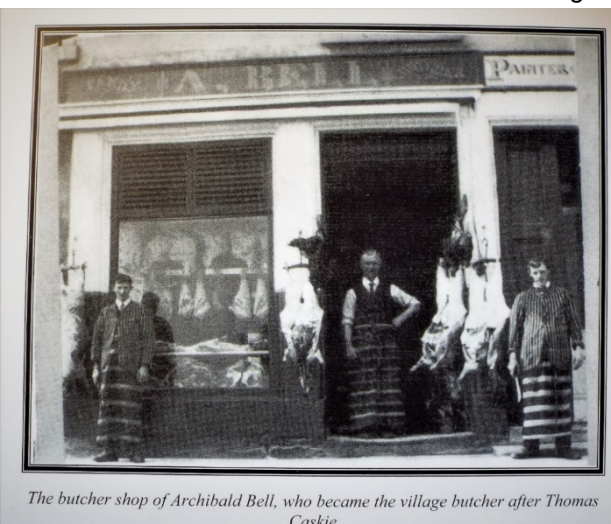
I urge you, one and all, go to the Queensland section, then locate the call number HIS HAR and you will be assured of a good read maybe even while enjoying a good tippie from the Region. As many years ago, QUART POT decided on a name change - they adopted STANNUM (Latin for tin) and THORPE being village – hence STANTHORPE and celebrated their Sesquicentennial in 2022.

The Case of the Church Decoy Duck

Ian Barrett

Thomas Steel Caskie (1864 – 1926) is my great granduncle and is one of the Caskie family who farmed Innellan Farm in the west of Scotland, near Dunoon. Thomas was the eighth of 12 known siblings and, unlike others of his siblings who emigrated to Australia, lived all his life in Scotland.

The Innellan Farm story had been handed down to me by my mother as vague oral history, and so I was intrigued to try to find out the truth or otherwise of the Caskie family at Innellan. Were they land-holders or tenant farmers or ag. labs.? After fruitless online and library searching I sent an enquiry for information to Castle House Museum in Dunoon and was pleasantly surprised when I received a positive response from John Stirling, even though the museum was closed for the winter. Here is some of the more entertaining history he sent me.



Thomas was, in fact a prosperous farmer at Innellan Farm and also operated a butcher's shop in the village of Innellan.

Thomas seems to have attained some prominence in his local community. In 1911 he “carried off premier honours” for his Blackface sheep at a local agricultural show (*The Scotsman*, Saturday 10 June 1911) and in 1917 he is reported as having successfully sued one Peter Macnab for slander (*Daily Record*, Saturday 17 March 1917).

But for me, the most eye-catching story involving Thomas was a humorous 1905 tale about a church decoy duck, as reported in the Dunoon Observer.....

The Case of the Missing Pound

1903 saw a major incident at the parish church. On a Sunday in late August, the collection had been taken, and the amount announced to the congregation. However, after the service it was apparent that 1 pound was missing. The only people who had been near the collection were the minister, a Mr Thomas Bryden of Cluniter Farm, and Mr James Whitelaw. Reverend Jenkinson insisted that the two men resign over the issue. Mr Alexander Turnbull, of Rubenslaw, resigned from the Kirk Session in protest, and, with the matter not resolved, the Kirk Session decided to have the collection forthwith in a closed box. The matter caused such an upheaval that it was referred to the Presbytery.

It rumbled through the letters page of the Dunoon Observer until January 1904, when a letter appeared in the local paper, entitled "Church Squabble" suggesting that the row had gone on long enough. "There was not enough proof" wrote the letter writer, "that the money had definitely been on the plate. It could have fallen off, been caught in a sleeve or all manner of things."

On the following week a letter appeared from Thomas Caskie, who had, by then, been implicated in the matter, reiterating that he was not present at the counting of collection when the money had gone missing; A previous report from the Minister's son had indicated that he had been there. One way out of the impasse suggested that confusion in dates by the Minister's wife and family accounted for the mistake, as Mr Caskie had been there at the previous week's counting.

This was supported by another letter from four witnesses – three Trustees and the Church Officer – also stating that Thomas Caskie was not at the counting, as he was walking home with them.

On January 30th the Observer carried a tongue in cheek tale by the late Reverend Taylor of Innellan of a missing one-pound note from the church collection plate. "There were three notes on that plate" said the reverend gentleman, "but now there are only two. You must have taken one."

"Na, na": was the reply. That's my decoy duck that I've planted on the plate for the last twenty years!"

The matter did not however get forgotten. During the 1906 General Election campaign, Mr Alfred Jenkinson, the son of the manse, declared himself a Free Trader. This particular election was being fought over whether or not there should be free trade, or duties paid on imports to protect British goods.

Many letters were written to the Observer about protectionism of capital One facetious letter writer even suggested that Mr Jenkinson might like to install a cash register in the church porch to protect the donation in the collection box, if at national level, finance was to be thus identified.

Source: Margaret Hubbard. Innellan Public Hall Archive Project 2010. "From Scenes Like These: Innellan 1898 - 1921". Stories and photograph kindly sourced and provided to me by Mr John Sterling, Castle House Museum, Dunoon, Scotland.

Morning Tea at Aveo Retirement Village Redland Bay

We had an outing with a difference at the end of March after Aveo extended an invitation to attend a morning tea and information presentation at their Redland Bay Retirement Village.

The difference –

A \$500 gift card if a minimum of 15 members attended!



RGS Members at Aveo (minus 3 who had left)

Thanks to the 19 members who attended, our Society's bank balance has grown by \$500. The visit also provided the opportunity for our Membership Officer to provide residents with information about our Society's activities.

Thron Matthisen (Matthiasen)

Helen Veivers

Thron Matthiasen was born in Holmestrand, Vestfold County, Borre Parish, Norway on 26 September 1842. His parents were Mathias Thronsen and Petronella Marcusdatter. Holmestrand is a small settlement on the edge of the Oslo Fjord to the south of Oslo. Perhaps the most remarkable thing about Holmestrand is the very large rock wall which runs parallel to and is situated some four hundred metres from the shore. This feature restricted the spread of the township. The town's life centres very much around the water, so fishing and boat building are dominant industries.

Thron had four siblings – Martine Caroline Mathiasdatter, Trine Marie Mathiasdatter, Thron Mathiasen and Gregersine Emelie Mathiasdatter. His only brother, Thron, died in 1839 at the age of two and a half years, some three years prior to Thron's birth.

At the age of 12 years Thron was apprenticed as a ship's carpenter, his father's trade. His apprenticeship was for 7 years with the final year to be served on a ship at sea. He arrived in Sydney from London as an able seaman on the *City of Madras*, a steamship of 999 tons on 12 June 1863. Extensive research has failed to locate any further arrivals of Thron in the ports of Australia – the obvious conclusion is that he left the ship in Sydney and didn't return on board. (According to one of his grandsons, Thron often spoke about his time in the goldfields of Victoria and New South Wales, so perhaps the call of a lucky strike lured him away from the *City of Madras* and its imminent departure.) By June 1865 he was back plying the familiar trade working as an able seaman and quarter master on the 504 ton steamship, *City of Brisbane*, carrying passengers from Brisbane to Sydney and in reverse. It was while serving on this ship that the spelling of his name changed to "Matthisen" – from the original "Mathiasen". He requested a discharge from this ship on 23 December 1865 and nothing further is recorded of his activity until he is noted as residing in Sussex Street, Sydney, in 1867.

On 23 April 1867 Thron married Elizabeth Quay. Officiating at the wedding was Rev John Reid, a minister of the Mariners Church, 100 George Street, Sydney, on a site close to where the Opera House stands today. The marriage ceremony was performed in accordance with the Presbyterian rites – Thron had been baptised as a Lutheran in his hometown of Holmestrand. Elizabeth was obviously illiterate, so like the witnesses to the marriage, Peter and Eliza Pederson, she signed the marriage register with her mark. (Peter Pederson also originated in Norway and was the ship's carpenter on the *City of Brisbane*.)

Elizabeth Quay was the daughter of William Quay and Mary Quilliam and was baptised in the Parish of German, Isle of Man, on 13 March 1843. She came to Australia on a ship carrying other migrants from the Isle of Man in 1865/1866 and at the time of her marriage lived in George Street, Sydney.

Thron and Elizabeth obviously set off in a northerly direction after their marriage. When their first child, Jessie Emily Ann Matthisen, was born on 16 May 1868, Thron and Elizabeth Matthisen were farmers on the Mary River in Queensland. A second daughter, Sophia Maria, was born on 20 December 1870 and a son, Thron (Matt), joined the family on 14 September 1873, both in the Mary River area. By 1874 the Matthisens had joined the throng of workers, many with wives and children, engaged in the construction of the Queensland railway to the north and west. The remaining five Matthisen children were born at various places along the railway track, between Brisbane and Cooktown and to the west between Charters Towers and Hughenden, in the temporary shanty towns that were the homes of the railway workers and their families. In many places doctors and midwives were not available, so several of the babies were delivered by their father – he was obviously a "jack of all trades"! The children and their birth places were as follows – Robert, born 3 August 1875, Ellen born 25 November 1877 in Rockhampton, Ross May born 21 May 1881 in Townsville, Elizabeth born 25 January 1883 on the Burdekin River near Charters Towers and Charlotte Mary born on 25 August 1886 in Cooktown. One can almost track the building of the railway line by following the places where the children were born.

There is quite a deal of evidence to show that Thron was hard working, efficient and knowledgeable in his employment. In 1884, for example, he was presented with a pocket watch – the inscription on the watch reads as follows: "Presented to Thron Matthisen by the officers and men of the several departments of the QN Railway as a mark of their esteem. 1 Jan 1884". Perhaps this was a ten year of employment loyalty gift!!

Thron remained in the employment of the QN Railway until his retirement in 1907. He rose through the various ranks to become Inspector of Timber Bridges as is attested in the following references -

*District Engineers Office**Cairns 10th May 1892*

This is to certify that Thron Matthisen, at present Inspector of Timber Bridges on the construction of the Cairns Railway, has been employed since 1874 on the Central, Northern, Cooktown and Cairns Railways as foreman of timber bridges and Inspector.

For the past five years he has been engaged in supervising timber works (principally bridges) on the Cairns Railway and has carried out his duties thoroughly to my satisfaction.

I can confidently recommend him as a first class tradesman.

John Froymith Jr

District Engineer

Gladstone

10 June 1904

To whom it may concern

This is to certify that from August 1896 until March 1904 with the exception of about twelve months, Mr Thron Matthisen served under me in the construction of the Hughenden to Winton Railway, 134 1/2 miles in length, and the Gladstone to Rockhampton Railway, 671 1/2 miles in length. He has an intimate knowledge of timbers and timber work of all descriptions used on railway construction and is thoroughly competent to superintend earthworks and concrete works. He is intelligent, hardworking and trustworthy.

Signed Hugh B. Fraser MICE

Resident Engineer

As foreman and inspector of works Thron would ride his horse along the newly laid railway tracks, ensuring that the work was done to specifications. Once a bridge was encountered, he would continue to ride the horse across the centre planking – should there be no centre planking, he apparently used to dismount and lead his horse across the bridge with the horse having to place its hooves on the bridge sleepers. (Those who have walked across railway bridges, especially the bridges on the Cairns to Kuranda railway, will appreciate what a feat either of these actions was!) Once the inspection of the bridge was complete, he would make his mark on the foundation with a small hatchet he carried in a scabbard around his waist. He had brought the scabbard with him on the *City of Madras* from Norway.



This photograph shows Thron on the front of the Baldwin engine, "Pioneer", with Sir Henry Wylie Norman, Governor of Queensland, the project engineer, John Robb and other state and local dignitaries and railway workmen at the opening of the Stoney Creek Bridge on the Cairns Kuranda railway on 28 April 1890. He's shown with an impressive beard and wearing a large hat. Later in life his beard was a focus of interest to his many grandchildren and a means of disposing of the beard was often discussed among them. On one occasion, after Thron had apparently enjoyed an overabundance of rum, a plot was hatched to cut the beard off with scissors. Fortunately, this action was interrupted by their grandmother, Elizabeth, who reportedly forbade any further attempts!

On his retirement Thron built a cottage on his selection at Dinner Pocket (now Kowrowa) beside the railway line which had been a part of his life for so many years. To furnish the cottage he built his own furniture, mostly of red cedar and oak which was plentiful in the area at that time. He and Elizabeth became farmers and, in addition to raising poultry and pigs they grew coffee, citrus and vegetables. Their cows provided them with milk and butter. Excess produce was taken to Kuranda for sale.

Thron passed away at his house at Kowrowa on 19 May 1919 aged 76 years and is buried in the Mareeba Pioneer Cemetery. So ended a wonderfully full life lived on opposite sides of the world.

[Footnotes referencing author's sources of information have not been included - Ed. RR]

A Brother from Another Mother

Margaret Clark



Mo's brother, Trevor, in red shirt

Mo's mum, Rita May Cooper had had a liaison with his dad. They never married because he was waiting for his divorce to come through from his first wife, which took 5 years back then.

So that posed another question. Were there any children by the 1st marriage? He said "yes", telling us that he married a Mary Linda Lewis in early 1936 and they had one son called Trevor Roy Jones. He is what this story is about.

I have been looking for Trevor since 1988. I was getting frustrated by it all. My sister-in-law put the question out on Facebook stating that we were looking for Trevor. A lady answered that she thought we were looking for her uncle whose name was Kruger. After receiving an email from her with further information, it appears that Mary Linda Lewis after her divorce, formed a lengthy liaison with a man by the name of Kruger, and Trevor was given his surname. Without this we would never have found him. I have yet to research whether they married or not. She had 6 wedding rings in her jewellery box when she died!

Now I set about trying to find Trevor as his niece didn't know where he lived. She knew he was a biologist and taught at several universities in NSW. We roughly knew what his age was. I immediately wanted to search the electoral rolls in Australia. The only electoral roll available to do research on was in head office, Brisbane city. We were travelling to the Sunshine Coast the next week and I found out there was an electoral roll office in Maroochydore not far from where we were staying. So I did that. I researched each State in Australia and found only one Trevor Roy Kruger in NSW living at Blue Bay, 180kms north of Sydney. I hit the jackpot. I wrote him a letter stating who I was and why we wanted to contact him. A month went by and no answer. I persisted and wrote another letter, and he received this one. When he rang me he said he was only half way through reading the letter and was excited about my contacting him.

We talked on the phone a few times and sent emails but couldn't meet because of the pandemic in each State in Australia and around the world. This postponed our meeting until just recently. We arranged to meet him on the 23rd of February this year, 2023, three years after our first contact. When Mo and Trevor met they were both surprised at how much they looked alike and just hugged for the longest time. I was able to give Trevor more information about his father and answered what questions he had that I could. He never went looking for his father until early 2001. When he went into his dad's house at Preston in Victoria, his wife Pam stayed in the car. His dad's children by his last marriage told him that he was too late; his dad had died about 2 weeks earlier. They did tell Trevor that there was another brother who had been searching for his dad and was at their dad's funeral. They had not taken any details of the brother who came to the funeral so could not give him contact details. This other brother was my husband, Maurice Roy Clark (Mo) who had given the eulogy at his father's funeral, remembering what his dad had told him about his favourite footy club and where he used to work, etc. Apparently Trevor shrugged his shoulders and slumped down in the chair when told of another brother.

When we contacted Trevor, he roughly knew who Mo was. We had a good 3 days visiting Trevor and his wife Pam and discussed family etc. Trevor said he didn't know what his father looked like, so I was able to show him photos of him. I reassured him that his father loved him very much. Maurie (Maurice Roy Jones, Mo's dad) had told me that he went to see his first wife, Mary, and his son, Trevor, when he was born and nursed and cuddled him and said he was a bonnie boy. His dad told us in 1988 that he went out to visit Mary and Trevor about 4 times in the first year when he was born and made the decision to walk away and let Mary get on with her own life and he with his. Trevor was pleased to hear that his father did care for him. We also told him that his father was working on building air strips up north in Queensland in WW11 and wasn't home much.

Mary Linda Lewis had a son called John Francis Lewis who was 3 years of age when Trevor and Mo's father met Mary. John's father's name is not on his birth certificate and Lewis is Mary's maiden name. I had researched Mary's family and was able to give him her family tree.

Mo and I travelled on to Wagga Wagga to a 65th Air Force reunion and decided to come back the same freeway we come down on as other highways were still damaged from recent floods. So, we rang Pam and said we will be passing through again and on what day. We caught up with them again and they were really pleased to see us. We knew this would definitely be the last time we would see them, because travelling was getting hard for us, and they can't travel far.

So, this is near the end of my story. We did explain to them that Mo's mum, Rita May Cooper/Hayes did travel to the USA as a war bride with Mo's older brother, Herbert, in 1946. We have met her American family and been to visit them 5 times. She died 3 years before we got there. His older brother Herbert died in a train accident at the age of 21, but we met his wife and son.

My husband, Mo, has 19 siblings from his parents' liaisons, marriages, and divorces.

My only problem now is to locate Mo's dad's birth certificate. He has given us 2 different sets of parents and 3 places he was born on different paperwork. The only thing consistent is his date of birth and I cannot locate a Maurice Roy Jones in the UK or Australia who was born on that date. On his marriage certificate to Mary Linda Lewis he has his mother as Claire Trevor, a famous American actress in 1936.

I will persist.

Ex-convict Female Paupers Incarcerated in Queensland's Benevolent Asylums

The following article should be of interest to those researching family members who may have been in the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum, Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah).

Jan Richardson, a PhD Candidate and Research Assistant at Griffith University, has advised our Society of an article that she has written pertaining to the history of the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum. It includes the stories of 19 female ex-convicts and their husbands who were admitted to Dunwich in the 1800s. The article, *Out of sight, out of mind: Ex-convict female paupers incarcerated in Queensland's benevolent asylums*, was published in 2022 in the *Journal of Australian Colonial History* (Vol 24, 2022, pp. 133-156).

This article is based on Jan's previous research on female convicts and ex-convicts who came to Queensland after serving their convict sentences in New South Wales and Tasmania

A PDF copy may be downloaded from the UNE Convict History Research Collective website at no charge, provided it is for non-commercial use for the purpose of research, family history, etc. It can be downloaded at <https://blog.une.edu.au/convicthistory/2022/11/18/publications/>. If downloading, please ensure that you comply with the requirements of the Copyright Notice displayed at the head of the article.

Jan has advised that she can be contacted if you have any questions about the article or her research. Her email address is jan.richardson@griffith.edu.au.

Members' Interests

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

Member's Name: Ian BARRETT**Membership No: 193**

SURNAME	COUNTRY	Town/City	STATE – COUNTY - PROVINCE	Year or Range of Years
CASKIE	SCOTLAND	Kilmarnock	AYRSHIRE	1855 - 1950
CASKIE	AUSTRALIA			1855 - 1950
CASKIE	SCOTLAND	Innellan Farm	ARGYLLSHIRE	1861 - 1917
CRAIG	CANADA	Belleville	ONTARIO	1915 - 1970
JACK	CANADA	Belleville	ONTARIO	1915 - 1970

Member's Name: Stephen DAUSKURSAS**Membership No: 390**

SURNAME	COUNTRY	Town/City	STATE – COUNTY - PROVINCE	Year or Range of Years
BYTAUTAITE	LITHUANIA	Raseiniai		1880>
CHURCH	AUSTRALIA	Orange	NEW SOUTH WALES	1937-1995
DAUSKARTAS	LITHUANIA			1880-1919
DAUSKARTAS	USA	Allegheny County	PENNSYLVANIA	1880-1919
DAUSKURSAS	LITHUANIA			1880-1919
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DAUSKURSAS	LITHUANIA			1880-1934
DAUSKURSAS	USA	Chicago	ILLINOIS	1880-1934
DAUSKURSAS	USA	Saline County	ARKANSAS	1880-1934
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DAUSKURSAS	GERMANY	Heidelberg		1909-1982
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DAUSKURSAS	GERMANY	Heidelberg		1920/2011
DAUSKURSAS	GERMANY	Heidelberg		1948>
DAUSKURTAITE	LITHUANIA			1880-1919
DAUSKURTAITE	USA	Allegheny County	PENNSYLVANIA	1880-1919
DOUSKURT	LITHUANIA			1880-1934
DOUSKURT	USA	Chicago	ILLINOIS	1880-1934
DOUSKURT	USA	Saline County	ARKANSAS	1880-1934
FRICK	GERMANY	Heidelberg		1920-2011
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FRICK	GERMANY	Heidelberg		1880>
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KIJONKAITE	GERMANY	Heidelberg		1909>
KIJONKAITE	USA			1909>

Member's Name: Sandra PAWLUK**Membership No: 365**

SURNAME	COUNTRY	Town/City	STATE – COUNTY - PROVINCE	Year or Range of Years
FEDOSOVOWA	SLOVAKIA	Starlino		1924-1940
FEDOSOVOWA	UKRAINE			1924-1940
KORYLOW	SLOVAKIA	Smilno		Any
KORYLOW	UKRAINE			Any
PAWLUK	SLOVAKIA	Smilno		1916-1930
PAWLUK	UKRAINE			1916-1930
PAWLUK	SLOVAKIA	Smilno		Any
PAWLUK	UKRAINE			Any

Snippets



Access to Ancestry.com at Queensland State Archives

Qld State Archives advises that visitors now can access Ancestry.com on any computer in its Reading Room. However, features NOT available to use include family trees, message boards or DNA.

Mothering Sunday

Did you know the origins of Mothering Sunday?

Although parishioners worshipped in their own church throughout the year, Mothering Sunday was the fourth Sunday of Lent on which parishioners would visit their "mother church" - the main church or cathedral in the area or where they were baptised. Whether by human nature or confusion, this opportunity was taken for distantly-working children to go "a-mothering" with tokens or gifts such as posies or simnel cakes (special rich fruitcakes) for their mothers.

As the fasting rules were relaxed on this day due to the feeding of the five thousand, it was also known as Refreshment Sunday!

1921 Census of England and Wales

Many will be aware that this Census has been made available on FindMyPast.

The Redland City Council has increased its Library subscription rate to provide RCC library clients with access to this information.

RGS has not increased its subscription rate. However, our members can access the Census either through a computer in our Genie Room or by logging on to the **RCC's Library edition** through a computer in one of the RCC libraries.

Our members can continue to access FindMyPast information, other than the 1921 Census, using the RGS subscription on the Genie Room computers.

The Book Collectors Society of Australia



Did you know that such a society existed? Members meet in Sydney and Melbourne. A recent guest speaker's topic was "*I am not a book collector, although I have over 17,000 books*"!! Since 1947, the society has produced *Biblionews* which can be found on the Trove website. For those bibliophiles amongst us, further details can be found in <https://bookcollectors.org.au/>.

Thank you Dawn Montgomery for this interesting snippet. Dawn commented that the guest speaker's topic reminded her of a friend who once moved house because they couldn't fit in enough bookcases to house all their books.

RGS Logoed Shirts

Members wearing a logoed shirt often receive enquiries about our activities. This raises the profile of our Society and has led to the recruitment of a new member.

For those interested in wearing a shirt with the Society's logo, shirts, embroidering, and logo badges are available from Complete Embroidery & Apparel, 4/45 Waterloo Street, Cleveland. The company is located at the Showground end of Waterloo Street, a block away from the Donald Simpson Centre – Phone: 3821 5777, Mobile: 0408 180 131.

Options available are -

- Buy a blue shirt from their range, prices including embroidery -
\$41.75 Ladies' S/Sleeve, Lt Blue self-stripe, Code M8600S
\$43.75 Ladies' 3/4 Sleeve, Blue, Code M8600Q
\$49.95 Men's S/Sleeve, Chambray Blue, Code BS03S
\$51.54 Men's L/Sleeve, Chambray Blue, Code BS03L
- Take your own garment -
\$14.60 for embroidery
- Purchase an embroidered badge for you to sew onto your own garment -
\$17.60

[Prices correct at time of going to print - Ed. RR]

Wandering Through the Web

Family History Daily

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/>

This website contains a wide-ranging list of information for genealogists, too numerous to list. Definitely worth browsing for something that could be helpful to you!

Following is a direct link to one of their pages -

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/1752-calendar-change/>

In September 1752, **eleven whole days were cut from the calendar**, eradicating them forever. For all intents and purposes these days simply never existed – no births, no marriages, no deaths.

Other Australian Archives

ACT Archives

<http://www.archives.act.gov.au/>

New South Wales Archives

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/>

Northern Territory Archives

<http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/ntas/>

South Australia Archives

<http://www.archives.sa.gov.au/>

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Other Australian Archives (cont.)

Tasmania Archives

<http://www.linc.tas.gov.au/>

Victoria Archives

<http://prov.vic.gov.au/>

Western Australia Archives

<http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/>

The National Archives UK

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/visit-us/whats-on/online-events/>

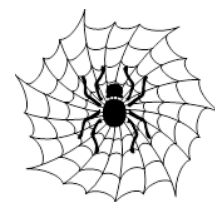
This website details the programme of online talks delivered by their experts, specialists, and special guest speakers. When you book an event, you are invited to pay what you can – this is optional and entirely at the discretion of attendees. Some events are completely free.

On this page is a link for subscribing to their weekly newsletter. Priority booking is available to subscribers.

Family History Federation UK

<https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/podcast>

The federation offers a range of free podcasts, addressing matters of interest to genealogists.



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Crime Prevention Corner

Help prevent the theft of vehicle registration plates

Ever wondered how to prevent your registration plates from being stolen?

Stolen registration / number plates are used by offenders to disguise the identity or legitimacy of motor vehicle/s they use when committing offences. Thefts occur when a vehicle is left parked in isolated locations including long term car parks, shopping centres or on-street-parking.

Here are some suggestions to reduce the risk of your registration plates being stolen:

- Secure your registration/number plates to your vehicle with tamper resistant, anti-theft, one-way screws.
- Park in a locked garage – where possible.
- Park in your driveway (remember to lock the vehicle; remove all valuables).
- Where parking on the street is unavoidable, try to park in well lit, populated areas.
- Check your number plates regularly to ensure your number plates are secure.
- Report all thefts of registration/number plates immediately to Policelink on 131 444.

Tamper resistant, one-way screws are a simple yet highly effective deterrent that are fitted with a standard screwdriver, but unable to be removed by one. These screws are available for purchase at most hardware and automotive stores. Questions related to one-way screws and their future removal should be directed to your local hardware store or point of sale.

Your assistance in preventing crime is appreciated.

National Archives of Australia

16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill
Phone: (07) 3249 4200
Website: www.naa.gov.au

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 to find out more about COVID-19 health and safety measures in place.

Open - Wednesday to Friday 9:00am to 4.30pm
Closed – Saturday to Tuesday and Public Holidays

Free on-site parking is available.

The strengths of their Brisbane facility collection are -

- 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.

For details of regular Events, you can register on their website to arrange a subscription to their free newsletter .

Queensland State Archives

435 Compton Road, Runcorn
Phone: (07) 3131 7777
Website: www.archives.qld.gov.au

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, on Monday to Friday and on the second Saturday of each month.

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

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.

The QSA holds informative Seminars and Events throughout the year, on their premises, and at external venues. Check "What's on" in their website for details or **keep up to date by arranging a free subscription** to "qsa bulletin". The link is on their website.

Where to get your Certificates

Prices are based on Historical Certificates, where available

This information is a guide. Please check websites for full details of types of certificates available, placing orders and payment. **NOTE: Prices are changed regularly by these government agencies.**

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
\$23.90 Historical Image – PDF on-line
\$23.90 Historical Source Image – PDF on-line
\$33.55 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 4332, Melbourne, Vic 3001
Phone: 1300 369 367
\$20.00 Uncertified Historical Image - **Download**
\$52.30 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
\$68.00 - 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
\$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!

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
\$58.25 – 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
\$49.00 – 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/

